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COMMENT OF THE DAY

"Neutrals" And Alliances

THE prime purpose of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd's Asian journey is to attend the Council meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation in Karachi. Undoubtedly SEATO has been a subject for discussion with Col Nasser and Mr. Nehru during the British Foreign Secretary's visits to Cairo and New Delhi, but another, and equally important matter has been the Baghdad Pact. Both are examples of those defensive alliances which have aroused criticism in many neutral countries, especially in Asia.

Few people regard military alliances as desirable in themselves. It would be far better in every way if reliance for mutual security could be placed on the United Nations and on the obligations of the Charter. The regional groups such as NATO, SEATO and the Baghdad Pact are there because they are deemed necessary.

The necessity has been created by the policies pursued by the Soviet Union, employed as a means of rendering ineffective the decisions of the Security Council. In the international field the Russians have adopted an expansionist policy which, coupled with the creation by the USSR of its own formidable network of alliances, has proved a menace to world peace.

It is well to remember that the initiative in the creation of blocs came from Moscow. It began with the Soviet-Polish Treaty of 1946, followed by a whole series of similar pacts in Eastern Europe. These preceded, by some two years, the formation of the Western Union, and NATO came a year later still.

This network of Soviet treaties has long since developed into something more. The Soviet Union and its satellites now form a closely knit system. Their armed forces are completely integrated. The Communist-controlled world is really a single "military bloc", and it is ironic that the fiercest denunciations of the existence of such blocs come from such a quarter.

In the light of these developments the creation of Western defensive alliances was inevitable. Yet many "neutral" countries consider them to be provocative and a cause of tension. That surely is to mistake effect for cause. Tension certainly exists today; it is equally certain it is less than in 1948—the time of the Berlin blockade and the Czechoslovakian coup.

THE existence of NATO has had a calming and stabilising effect in Europe, and there is reason to believe the existence of SEATO has had a similar effect in Southeast Asia. It is conceivable that if there had been some comparable institution in 1950, there might have been no Korean war.

On balance the Western defensive pacts have done a great deal of good, and will continue to do so. It is fair to claim that the peace of the world is safer with them than it would have been without them.

The invitation to the neutral countries to become associated with these defensive alliances remains open, though the indications are that those countries are convinced there are other advantages in non-commitment. It is surely unnecessary, however, to condemn the pacts in order to justify not joining them. Some of the critics of these alliances could ponder on what might have happened had they not existed—and for the determination to resist aggression, of which they are the visible sign.

EMBARGO

America Decides To Go Slow

HITS BACK AT CHINA

Washington, Mar. 5.

The United States is resisting British pressure to reach a decision on relaxing trade restrictions with Communist China, authoritative sources said today.

One of the factors delaying a Washington decision was understood to be the growing truculence of China at the Sino-American negotiations at Geneva.

Communist representatives at Geneva have been demanding an end to the trade embargo—imposed during the Korean War.

EDEN TELLS UNION MEN THE FACTS

London, Mar. 5.

Sir Anthony Eden and other key ministers tonight explained the Conservative Government's anti-inflation policy at a 90-minute meeting with 12 union chiefs.

The meeting was one of a series of "briefings" on the economic situation which the Prime Minister has arranged with leading figures in the industrial world.

Sir Anthony Eden was accompanied at the meeting by Mr. R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Ian Macleod, Minister of Labour.

Sir Anthony Eden outlined the serious economic problems facing Britain. Mr. Macmillan explained the Government's plans in detail, reliable sources said later.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Macmillan made no direct appeal for a standstill in wage claims by unions, but declared that increased productivity should accompany any pay rises.

The union leaders were headed by Mr. Wilfred Heywood, Chairman of the Economic Committee of the right-wing Strong Trades Union Congress.—Reuter.

K & B Want To Go To Scotland

London, Mar. 5.

The Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and the Communist Party Chief Mr. Nikita Khrushchev have asked the British Government to allow them to visit Scotland and Wales, an informed source said today.

The Government had already sent a proposed programme for the visit of the two leaders to the Soviet Government and had expected to receive an acceptance in principle at the end of last week.

Instead the request for an extension of the visit was forwarded, the source said.

The source said that the Soviet request was somewhat embarrassing for the British Government, but that a compromise between the Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's initial suggestions and the Soviet proposal would probably be found.—France-Press.

Marshall Rebuffed

Singapore, Mar. 5.

Singapore's Labour Front General Council, the controlling body of the mass communist of the Colony's Government tonight rejected proposals from the Chief Minister, Mr. David Marshall that the party should merge with the liberal socialists.

It was the first time since Mr. Marshall became Chief Minister in April last that his party had turned down one of his proposals.

There was no question of Mr. Marshall's resigning, labour front sources said.—Reuter.

DECISION HOLD-UP

Glubb Is Now 'Sir John'



London, Mar. 5.
General John Bagot Glubb, former British Commander of the Jordan Arab Legion, has been made a Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. It was announced tonight from No. 10 Downing Street.

General Glubb will be known as Sir John Bagot Glubb, as soon as Queen Elizabeth bestows the accolade.

General Glubb, who was dismissed by King Hussein of Jordan last Friday, returned to London on Saturday.—France-Press.

Above: Glubb as he will always be remembered.

★ And In Cyprus

THE JAM BEGINS

Nicosia, Mar. 5.

Athens radio broadcasts to Cyprus were jammed tonight soon after Britain announced its intention to put down terrorism.

Official spokesmen here refused to say whether Britain had initiated the jamming, which the Government said last month was under consideration.

(But a Colonial Office spokesman in London said, "It may be due to the fact that certain experiments are being made.") He would say no more.

Simultaneously the Royal Air Force regiment carried out a systematic search of the capital city of Nicosia at dusk tonight.

The crackdown followed the declaration of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, in London this afternoon that Britain would give first priority to restoring law and order now that negotiations with pro-Greek Archbishop Makarios had broken down.

"For this we have the resolution and the forces and it will be done," Mr. Lennox-Boyd said.

Governor's Warning

The Governor, Sir John Harding, said he would restore order "with all the means at my disposal."

Almost at the same time the Athens radio, came on with its regular evening transmission to Cyprus.

This is one of the daily broadcasts that Britain has repeatedly condemned as "incitement" and "inflammation." Its protests to Athens have been ignored.

MORE TROOPS WILL GO TO JORDAN (If they are necessary) EDEN TELLS REBEL MPs

London, Mar. 5.

The Government has decided to send troop reinforcements to Jordan in the event of hostile demonstrations threatening British bases, property or nationals, according to reports in the lobby of the House of Commons today.

Reports said the troops would be sent if there were danger to the British air bases at Amman or Marjeh, to the installations of the British armoured regiment stationed at Akaba, or to the lives or property of British nationals.

According to the same reports, the Government has given assurances to Conservative MPs who urged the Government not to accept the fait accompli in the Middle East.

DEBATE PROMISED

Informed circles confirmed that a debate on the subject of Jordan, notably, the dismissal of General John Glubb as Commander-in-Chief of the Arab Legion—would be held in the Commons soon.

It is believed the Government's decision to send reinforcements to Jordan was prompted by a request by about 50 Tory MPs who urged the Prime Minister to adopt "a firm line."

The group, known as the "Suez Group" is headed by Captain Charles Waterhouse, (former Conservative Party chairman), Sir Robert Boothby, and Lord Hinchinbrooke.

The "Suez Group" is reported to have demanded:

- ★ Britain hold firm in Cyprus.
- ★ That British units stationed in Jordan be reinforced, following the dismissal of General John Glubb.
- ★ That the evacuation of the remaining British troops in the Suez Canal zone be delayed as long as possible.

She Found 'A Piece Of Glass' Worth \$15,000

New York, Mar. 5.

A 40-year-old housewife, picked up what looked like a piece of glass near Murfreesboro, Arkansas, yesterday. It turned out to be a 15.21 carat diamond worth an estimated \$15,000.

Mrs. Arthur Lee Parker had paid \$1.50 to hunt for stones in a three-acre tract here called the Crater of Diamonds. What she found is the largest gem ever discovered on the North American continent by a single person.

Mrs. Parker, the mother of two children and an amateur geologist, said: "It easily could have been mistaken for a piece of broken glass. In fact, I think someone might have found it earlier and thrown it away, thinking it was glass."

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, operators of the Crater, said last year about 15,000 people visited the area. They found 107 diamonds, averaging .50 carats.

A Royalty

"But this is the finest stone I have ever seen. It is a perfect gem without a flaw," he said.

Under admission terms at the Crater, any diamond under 5 carats is "finders-keepers."

On larger stones, the finder must pay a royalty of 25 per cent of the value over 5 carats to the owners and operators of the tourist enterprise.

And Arkansas has a 4 per cent severance tax on diamonds. The tax is based on market value at the place where the diamond is found or mined.

The Crater of Diamonds is part of a 72-acre tract which once boasted the only commercial diamond mining operation in North America.

The largest stone ever found at the site was the 40.23 carat "Uncle Sam"—a rose-tinted diamond cut into a 14.24 carat stone valued at \$75,000. But it was found during mining operations.—United Press.

Big Demand For Plastic Surgery

New York, Mar. 5.

Mr. Masakazu Fujii, a Japanese surgeon who survived the Hiroshima atom bomb said today there were about 1,000 people in that Japanese city who had been badly injured by the atomic bombing, in need of plastic surgery.

Dr. Fujii, 40, arrived by plane today to study plastic surgery techniques at Mount Sinai Hospital, where 25 Hiroshima women are undergoing treatment.—Reuter.

Interpol Makes Bid To Break

Big Gold Smuggling Conspiracy

from PERCY HOSKINS

London, Mar. 5.
Gold is top priority in London's crime markets today and big prices are being paid for inside information about the movements of bullion from one country to another.

The chiefs of Interpol, the international police organisation, discovered at a secret three-day meeting in Paris the reason for the new demand for gold: bullion stolen in London and again last month in Geneva was being used to finance a great world-wide two-way smuggling conspiracy.

Big shipments of drugs are being smuggled into European and North American countries. Fantastic sums have been placed at the disposal of smugglers whose operations begin at Bahrain in the Persian Gulf and follow air routes to east of Singapore and on to the United States where the drugs are landed almost openly.

HK IMPLICATED

The smugglers are protected by an elaborate system of bribery and corruption which Interpol is trying to smash. Vast quantities of gold are being smuggled to the East in payment for drugs. India, for instance, is being deluged with it.

Last year nearly 40,000 ounces, valued at £25,000,000, were seized by customs and police.

And this, the authorities believe, is only a fraction of the traffic in gold. It reaches India from Australia by steamship, via Macao, Hongkong and Singapore, from Africa by fast jet, via Egypt, Syria, and the Persian Gulf, and from America by air via London, France, Switzerland and the Middle East.

Behind the gold and drug smugglers is one of the most fabulous criminal networks in history. To fight it, police in 50 nations are now being recruited by Interpol.—London Express Service.

CO₂ In Ship's Hold: Two Die

Penang, Mar. 5.

Two men died and three others were taken to hospital after being overcome by gas in a ship's hold containing onions here today.

The ship is the freighter Rajula, which arrived here from India. The dead were a member of the ship's crew and a local labourer. A senior Government chemist said there was carbon dioxide in the hold.—Reuter.

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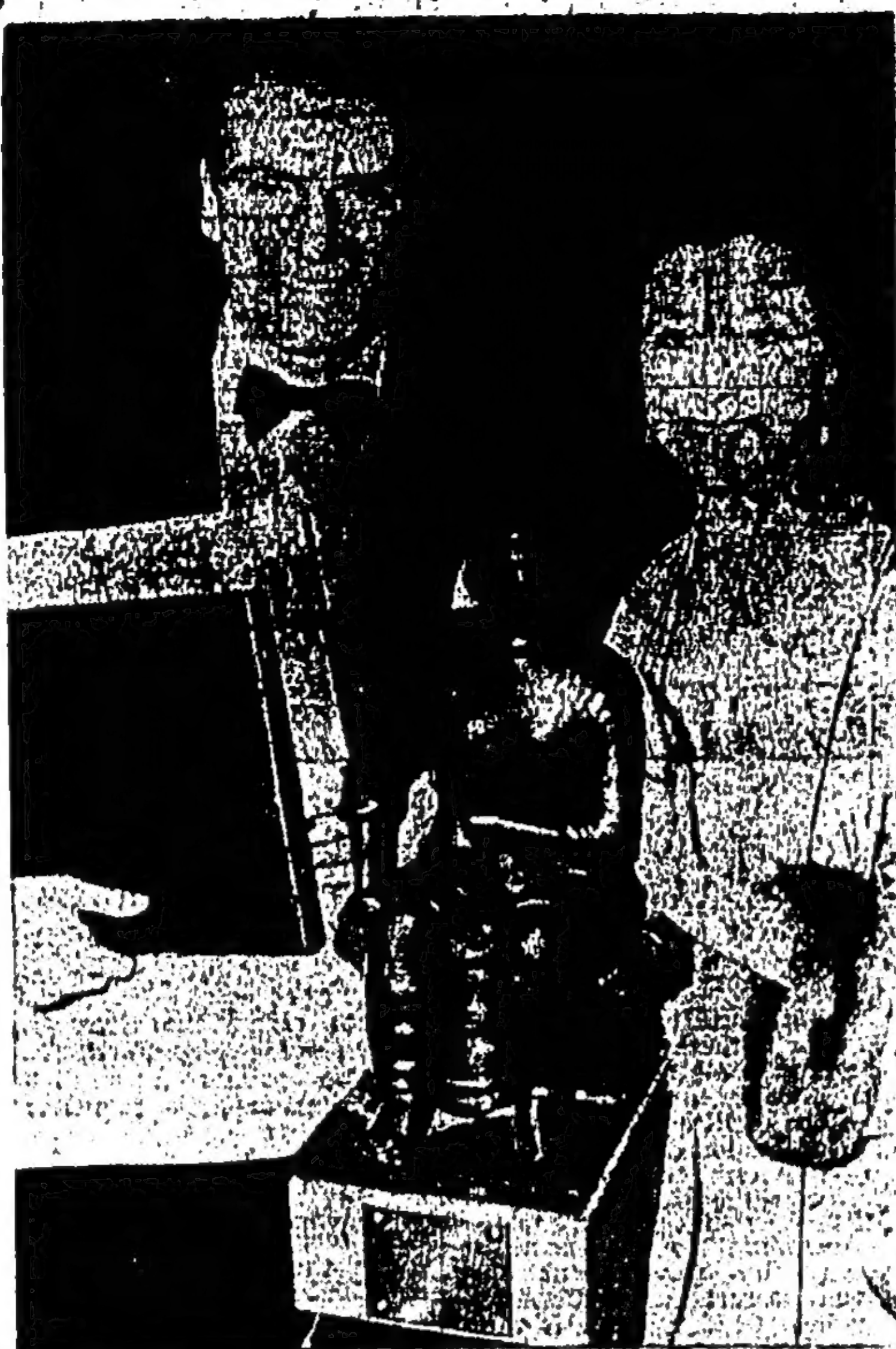


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Triple Award For Olivier



Presentation of the British Film Academy Awards took place jointly in London on Thursday night with the premiere of the film "A Town Like Alice." Pictured is Sir Laurence Olivier, who won three awards—for the year's best film from any source, for the best British film, for being the best actor of the year. All awards were in connection with his film of Shakespeare's "Richard III." Award for best actress of the year went to 77-year-old Katharine Hepburn for her role in "The Ladykillers." With Sir Laurence here in his wife, actress Vivien Leigh, who made the presentations on behalf of the Academy. — Express Photo.

INDO-CHINA AGREEMENT

Britain & Russia Should Call For Conference

Moscow, Mar. 5. The Soviet Government has proposed that Britain and Russia, co-chairmen of the Geneva conference on Indo-China, should support the Chinese Communist and North Vietnam call for a new conference, Tass, the official Soviet news agency reported tonight.

The agency said the conference should review the question of measures for the implementation of the Geneva agreement on Vietnam.

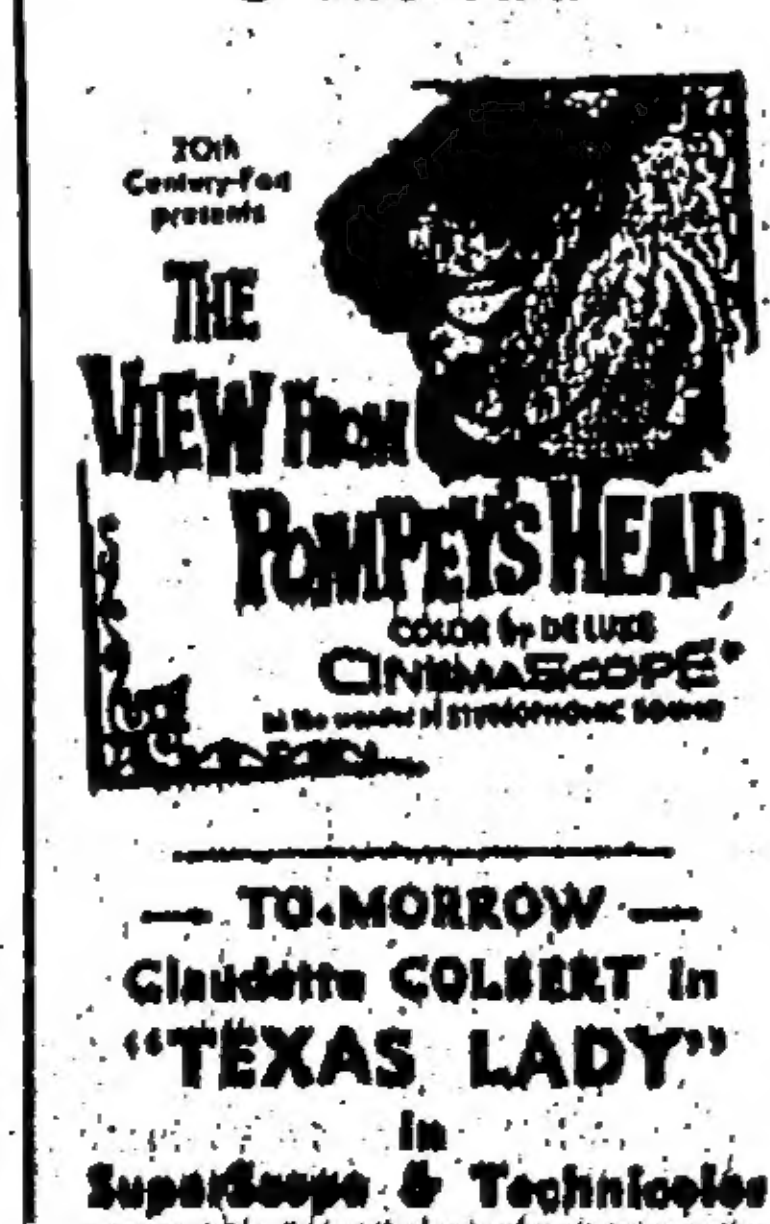
Premier Asked To Form Government

Paris, Mar. 5. Crown Prince Savary Vattana of Laos today asked Mr. Atay Sasorith, the Prime Minister and leader of the National Progressive Party, to form a new Laotian Government, it was learned in Paris from Vietnamese.

His last attempt to form a government failed when he did not win the two-thirds majority in the National Assembly required by the Constitution. — Reuter.

MAJESTIC

FINAL TO-DAY At 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



RAF And Industry Attacked In Commons

London, Mar. 5. Mr G. de Freitas, a former Labour Air Under-Secretary, contended in the House of Commons tonight that the British Air Force was less effective in relation to the threat it has to meet than any time since 1938.

Something must be done about the aircraft industry which was not working efficiently, he said.

Private enterprises, in its "penny-a-packet small units of design, development and production," had failed to deliver the goods.

Mr de Freitas was speaking in a debate on the Air Force estimate of £470,500,000 for the coming financial year beginning on April 1.

Concentration

Mr de Freitas said the successful leading men in the industry wanted some concentration of brains for design and development and concentration of manufacturing capacity.

What was the Government going to do "roll up" inefficient firms who are wasting valuable resources and money," he asked.

Earlier, Mr Nigel Birch, Secretary for Air, said "some hundreds" of guided weapons used for anti-aircraft defence had been fired.

Difficult To Produce

These weapons are planned to seek out and destroy hostile bombers long before they reach British shores.

But he said they were difficult to produce and would take time to develop. — Reuter.

Telegraph Posts 'Disappear'

Buenos Aires, Mar. 5. The Post Office of Cordoba Province complained to the central authorities in Buenos Aires that someone is stealing their telegraph posts.

In each case, the lines were detached from the posts and left hanging in mid-air, and the poles were sawn through at their bases. — China Mail Special.

RHODESIA: WESTERN ARSENAL

London, Mar. 5.

Rhodesia's wealth in mineral reserves and future cheap electric power would fit her to become the arsenal of the Western world in the event of a new war, said the London Evening News today.

Quoting a leading Rhodesian industrialist, the paper said that the country possessed vast reserves of coal, virtually unlimited supplies of chromium, bauxites, and other minerals vital to heavy industry, and a copper industry among the world's four greatest.

When the Kariba Dam over the River Zambesi were completed, Rhodesia would possess the cheap electric power essential to heavy industry.

The country's situation in the centre of Africa would well shelter it from surprise atomic or other attacks. — France-Press.

BIG SMOKE

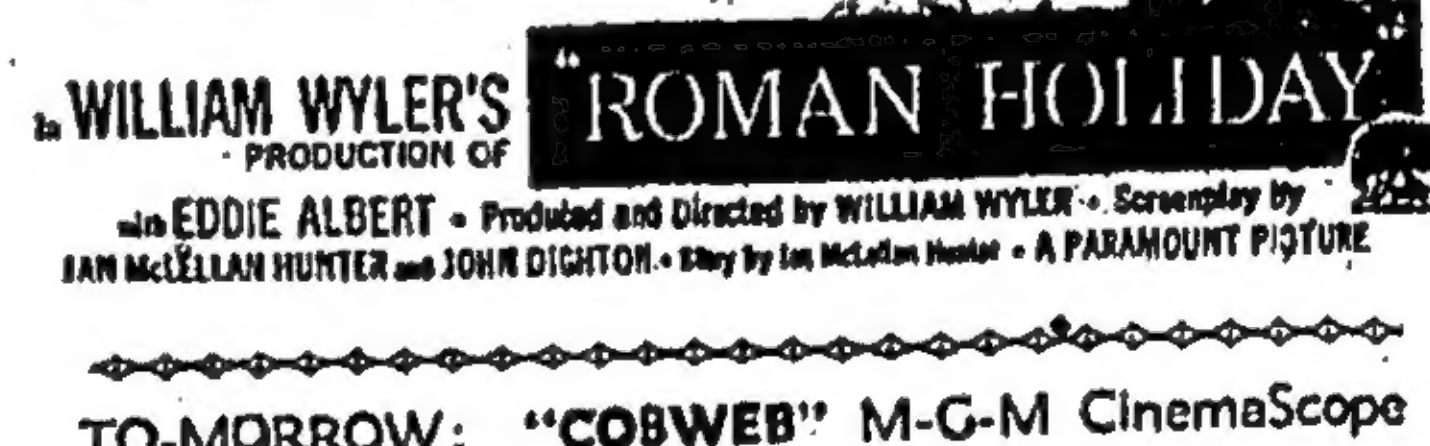
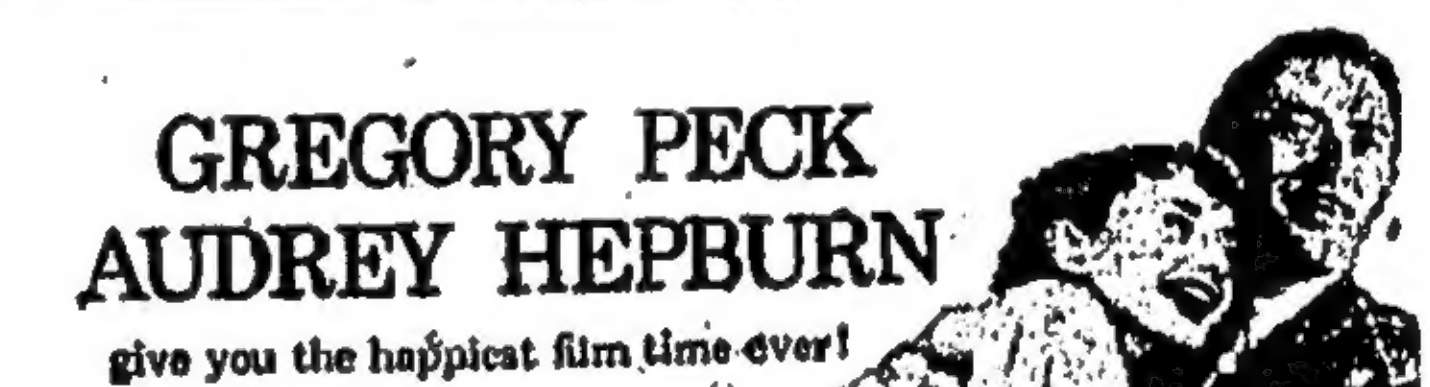
New York, Mar. 5. More than 382,000 million cigarettes were distributed by American manufacturers last year—about six cigarettes a day for every man, woman and child in the country, according to figures published here.

This was a three per cent increase over 1954, according to the figures released by the Internal Revenue Service.

Cigar smoking was up two per cent for the year, but pipe smoking was down five per cent.

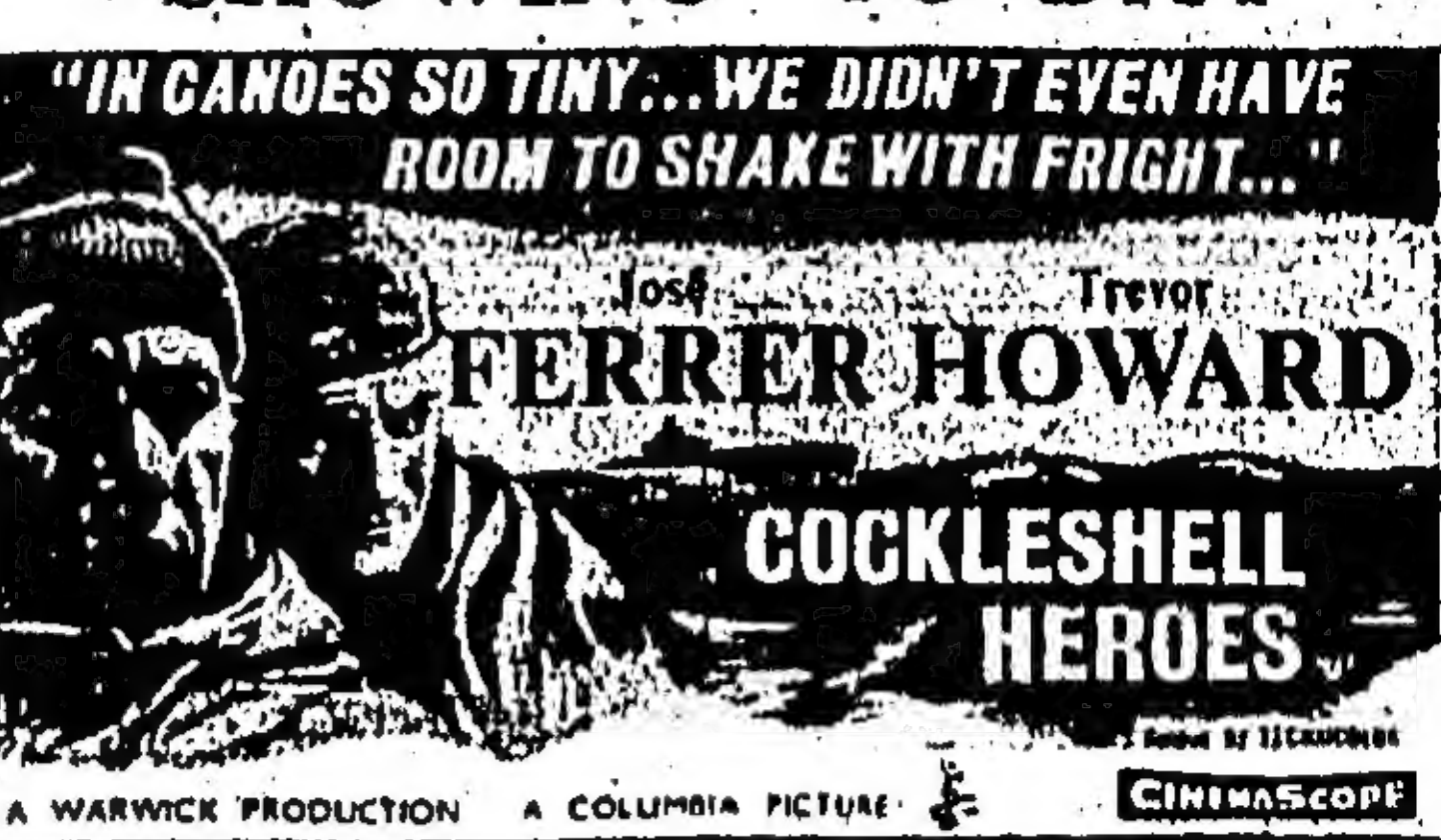
Net income from tobacco sales was \$1,601,990 dollars (about £18,450,711 Sterling), a 20 per cent increase over 1954. — China Mail Special.

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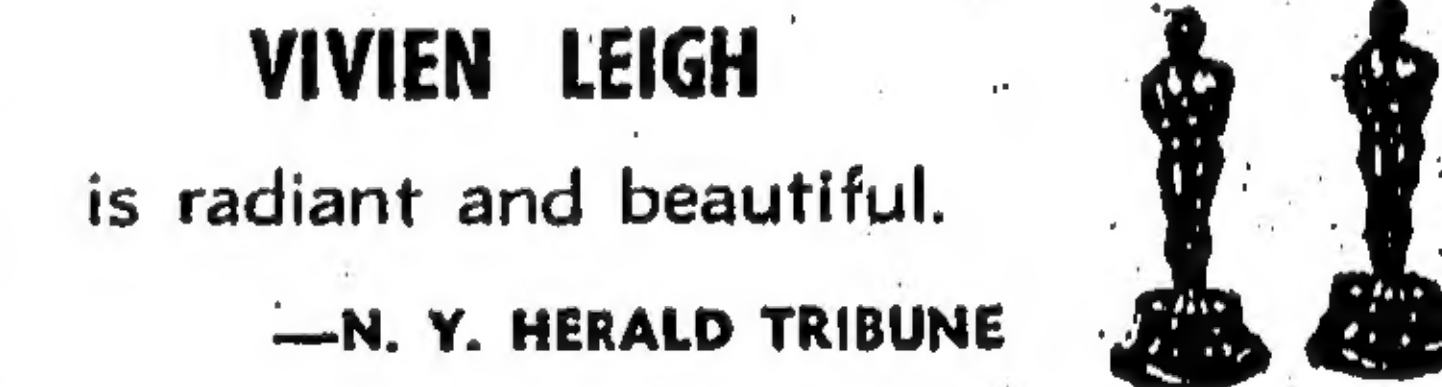


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£350 Snapshot

Wellington, Mar. 5. A £350 snapshot camera hurled down from the air and smashed to pieces near a Wellington maternity hospital as a light aircraft passed overhead.

A local commercial photographer, Mr. Noel Coleman, explained afterwards that he had been commissioned to photograph the hospital from the air for a women's magazine, and was about to press the shutter when the propeller airplane tore the camera out of his hands.—China Mail Special.

Labour Chief Wants One Big Union

Sydney, Mar. 5. Reorganisation of Australian trade unions into one big union of two million workers is advocated by Mr. Henry O'Davis, general president of the Australian Workers' Union.

In his presidential address to the union's convention he urged that the campaign for a single union, defeated in Australia by 24 unions and employers' organisations 30 years ago, should be revived.

Mr. Davis said most unions had served the workers well but the combined efforts of the capitalist system had left the unions far behind. They had been unable to adapt themselves to the rapid transformation of industrial methods and would eventually become obsolete.

He said pooled assets would enable the trade union movement to have its own daily newspaper, and radio and television stations which could give both sides on vital national issues.

The Australian Workers' Union, with 200,000 members, is Australia's biggest single union.—China Mail Special.

Queen Unlikely To Attend Kelly Wedding

London, Mar. 5. Neither Queen Elizabeth nor a member of the Royal Family is likely to attend the wedding of Prince Rainier III of Monaco and Grace Kelly. It was indicated here today.

The Queen has been officially invited, but it is not believed that she would attend personally.

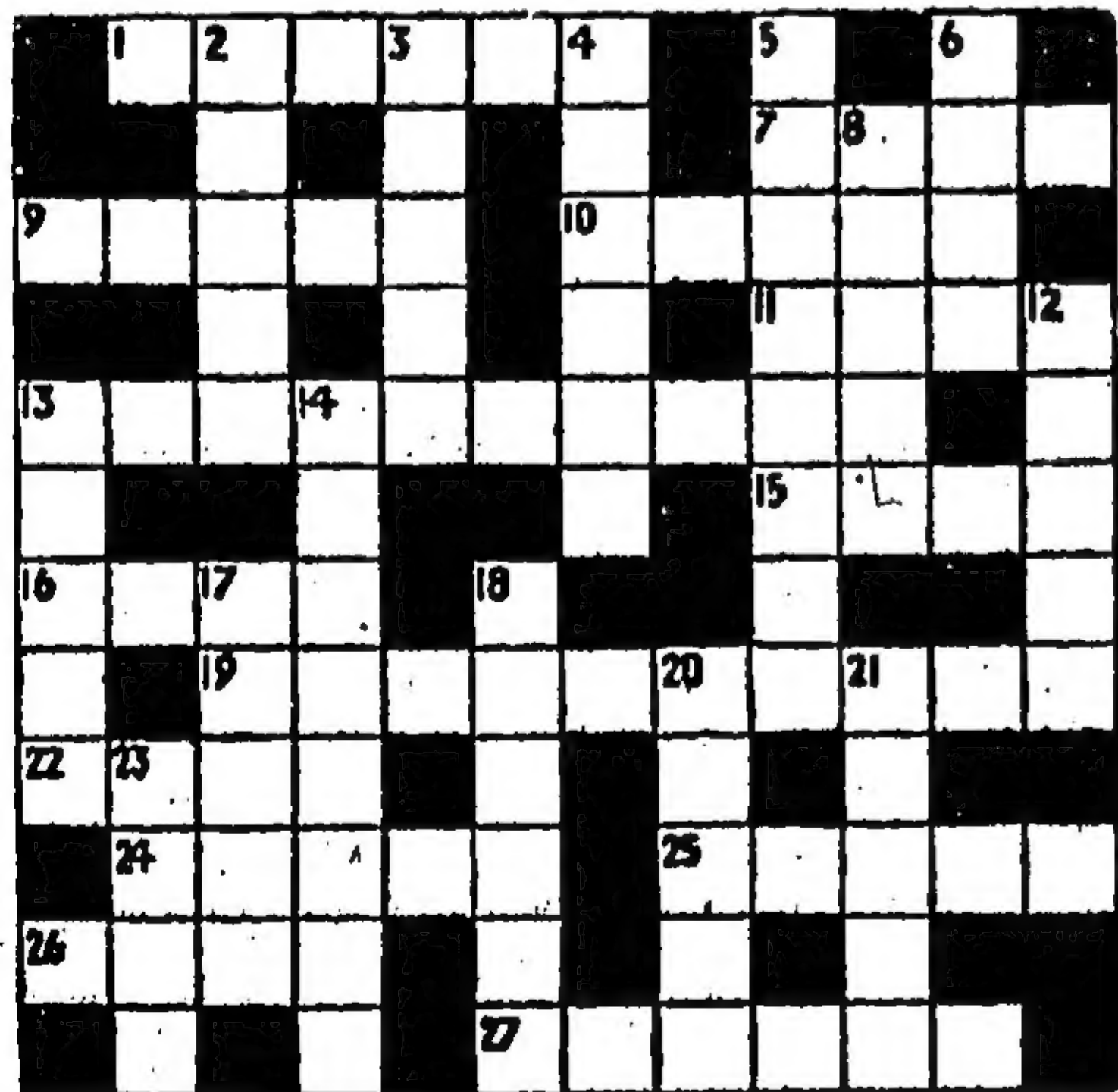
The Foreign Office is studying what reply is to be made to the invitation.

If other Chiefs of State are represented, Britain will be represented as well.

Prince Rainier left by air today for New York on his way to Monaco.

Miss Kelly expects to sail from New York to Monaco early next month and will not see her fiancé again until shortly before the wedding.—France-Press & Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Lucky charm (6).
 - Always (4).
 - Scene of conflict (6).
 - Kind of varnish (5).
 - Charitable gifts (4).
 - Vanishes (10).
 - Rend (4).
 - Way out (4).
 - Downcast (10).
 - Blank (4).
 - Swift (5).
 - Concise (6).
 - Thaw (4).
 - Unexpected (6).
- DOWN**
- Encourages (5).
 - Clutch (5).
 - Admission card (6).
 - Left (6).
 - Tiller (4).
 - Dance (6).
 - Support (5).
 - Lees (5).
 - Easy (5).
 - Perfect (5).
 - Black suit (6).
 - Observed (5).
 - Untanny (5).
 - Migrate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Wickod, 4 Minor, 7 Tender, 8 Limit, 10 Heel, 12 Relates, 15 Remit, 16 Test, 17 Laid, 19 Defer, 20 Dresser, 21 Drag, 23 Mound, 24 Trouble, 25 Trade, 26 Stress. Down: 1 Withhold, 2 Converse, 3 Ever, 6 Indulged, 8 Opined, 9 Defer, 11 Lessened, 12 Rider, 13 Terrible, 14 Blagger, 15 Ardour, 16 Fret.

3 SEATO NATIONS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT POLICIES

Karachi, Mar. 5.

Three members of the eight-nation Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation today pledged their support for any measures designed to strengthen the military and economic policies of the pact.

The United States, the Philippines and Pakistan agreed after a series of pre-conference talks that they would support proposals designed to build up the defensive organisation's strength to combat Communist economic and military expansion in free Asia.

The three-day meeting of the SEATO Council of Ministers opens tomorrow.

Today the chief delegates of the eight pact members met in informal pre-conference talks. The pact members are the United States, Britain, France, Pakistan, Thailand, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, in one of many talks with his fellow delegates today, agreed with the Philippine Vice-President, Mr. Carlos Garcia, that they would support measures to strengthen SEATO.

Support Measures

Mr. Dulles and Mr. Garcia met for 20 minutes shortly after noon. Officials said they believed the achievements of SEATO were "worthy of note" and they would support measures which would build up the pact's strength.

Mr. Dulles also talked with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd. Their con-

ference was secret, however, and no details were announced.

Premier Chaudri Mohamed Ali of Pakistan was reported to be urging his delegates to build up the pact rapidly both economically and militarily.

Made Effective

Mr. Ali and Mr. Garcia met for 30 minutes today and informed sources said the Premier urged the delegates to give attention to "building up the various member countries."

Sources quoted Premier Ali as saying: "It is time SEATO be made effective, and this could be accomplished if a speedy economic and military build-up were carried out."—United Press.

Gas Cloud Threatened Town

Copenhagen, Mar. 5. Railway workers at Toender station (South Jutland) throughout this morning tiptoed over tracks to avoid making sparks with their shoes or covered behind strong stone walls.

The reason was that 60,000 cubic metres of cooking gas was floating in dense clouds over the station after a gas-carrying truck was involved in a collision.

A gas specialist was hurrying from Helde over the border in Germany hoping to be in time to prevent a major explosion.

Later, a strong wind arose, dispersing the gas. Now all that remains is a sickly-sweet smell all over the town.

Railway men scuttled home for a belated lunch, the gas expert has not yet reached Toender.—France-Press.

Danish PoWs To Be Released

Moscow, Mar. 5. The Soviet Union has agreed to release 11 Danish prisoners of war held in Russia, it was learned here today.

It was believed that between 10 and 15 prisoners are involved. Two Danish-born women, who married Latvians before Latvia became a part of the Soviet Union, have been promised exit visas from the Soviet Union.—France-Press.

Communist Surrenders

New York, Mar. 5. American Communist leader Harry Winston today gave himself up to the US Federal authorities, to serve a prison sentence delivered in 1951 for conspiring to overthrow the government by force.

Winston, a 45-year-old negro, disappeared at the time of the court sentence, condemning him and 10 other Communists.

On Saturday, he sent a letter to the press announcing he would give himself up today.—France-Press.

Blame The Car

Cologne, Mar. 5. Cologne's Accident Prevention Committee, running a "polite and witty" campaign to improve traffic manners, wrote to a woman driver: "Dear Madam, you have a charming car. There is only one thing wrong with it: in your hands it goes too fast."

The woman answered by return that she would do her best to make amends.—China Mail Special.

Fleet Leaves Singapore On Sea-Air Exercise

Aboard HMS Newfoundland, Mar. 5. SHORTLY after dawn today the Commonwealth naval task force to participate in the combined Sea-Air Exercise "Welcome" began to move from Singapore.

At the same time two light fleet aircraft carriers from the United Kingdom began to cross the Indian Ocean from Colombo to join up with them.

They will later in the week participate together in Exercise "Welcome" in the Indian Ocean and off the coasts of Malaya and Singapore.

The first to leave Singapore today were the British destroyers, Comus and Cockade heading for the Indian Ocean to rendezvous with the light fleet aircraft carriers Albion and Centaur on their way from Colombo.

The cruiser Newfoundland, wearing the flag of Vice-Admiral A. P. Ekins, Flag Officer Second in Command Far East Station, was followed out of port by the British destroyers Cossack, Concord and Comfort and the Royal Australian Navy's destroyer Anzac.

A second Australian destroyer, Tobruk, leaves early tomorrow.—Reuter.

Smog Warnings For Paris

Paris, Mar. 5. New measures to combat smog have been announced by Paris weather men.

Five "weather eyes," a type of fog meter, have been set up on roof tops to measure the sulphur in the air which can result in the formation of smog. By keeping an eye on the weather they will warn Parisians in advance of gathering fog layers.

The Atomic Energy Commission is co-operating with the weather men by providing detection instruments to check atmospheric radioactivity, which can prevent smog from dispersing.

Paris has no smokeless zones and air pollution is becoming an increasingly serious problem.—China Mail Special.

FIRST AUSSIE KILLED

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 5.

A soldier of the Second Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment was killed in a Communist terrorist attack yesterday afternoon, it was officially announced here tonight.

The Australian was the first to be killed since Australian troops stationed in the Federation of Malaya became operational last October.

He was wounded when a patrol was fired on by Communist terrorists in North Malaya and later succumbed to his wounds.

One Communist was killed and two others wounded in the encounter.—France-Press.

CHILDREN SWITCHED AT BIRTH

Oslo, Mar. 5.

Two five-year-old Norwegian boys who were accidentally switched at birth in the maternity hospital were about to be returned to their rightful parents today. But their troubles apparently were just beginning.

A Socialist legislator announced that he would question Parliament on the switch, which allegedly was made by doctors despite protests from one of the fathers.

The boys' parents, who live in the village of St. Jordal, agreed to exchange their children after a medico-judicial court here gave them five years ago.

Meanwhile, the boys' parents were swamped with offers from publishers seeking exclusive rights to publish their life stories.—France-Press.

AGA KHAN LITTLE BETTER

Calcutta, Mar. 5.

Prince Aly Khan said here today that the health of the Aga Khan, his father, who is at present in Cannes, France, was "a little bit better, but not very good."

The Prince said he was anxious to return to France, and had therefore cut short by about six weeks his four-month tour of Asia, Africa and the Persian Gulf, where he planned to meet the Islamic Moslem communities of which the Aga Khan is the spiritual head.—China Mail Special.

Western Policy Should Be More Flexible

Ottawa, Mar. 5.

President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy called in a speech to a joint session of the Canadian Parliament today for increased Western unity to counter "flexible Soviet policy."

Mr. Gronchi, speaking in French, omitted from his speech a criticism of Britain, France and the United States which had appeared in the text issued to reporters before delivery.

In the omitted paragraph he had criticised the "mental attitude" of the Big Three Western powers that they could best handle Western policy by themselves.

Co-operation

"...It is obviously in the general interest of Western solidarity that preventive consultation, which up to now have had an extraordinary character, should become the ordinary and permanent method of approaching problems of defence and peace," he said.

Signor Gronchi repeated the statement he made in Washington that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation should put more emphasis on co-operation in the economic, political and social spheres.

Signor Gronchi said the Italian Government believed that unification of their viewpoint was indispensable for unification, if joint policies were to have a dynamic and flexible character to counteract forces which had lately given proof of flexibility.

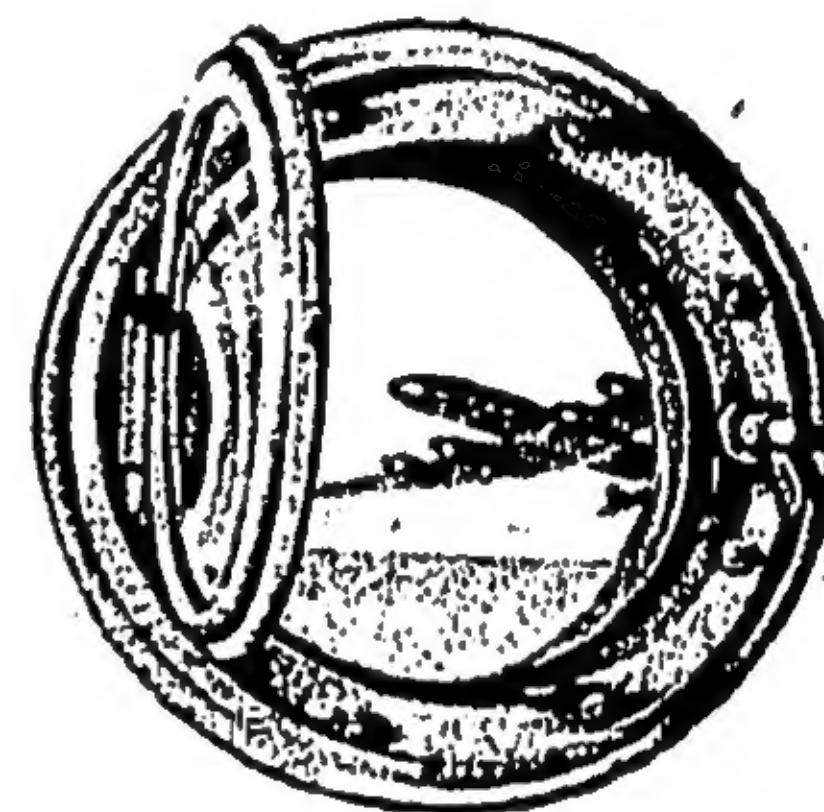
Another Obstacle

Another obstacle to a more coherent and efficient functioning of the Atlantic community, and therefore to the success of Western policy, lay in a mental attitude still persisting among some major and friendly Allied nations.

After his address Mr. Gronchi left for Detroit aboard a United States Air Force plane.—Reuter.

Bombay, Mar. 5.

The Sheh of Persia and Queen Soraya arrived here tonight by air from Poona on the last stage of their three-week visit of India. They leave for home on Thursday.—Reuter.



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WHY MY CHILD HAS DRUNK WINE WITH MEALS SINCE SHE'S 9

TODAY, this boldly frank series tackles the subject of Drunks. The father: FREDERICK ELLIS

I HAVE two daughters. One I will give no advice to, for she is mentally handicapped.

She cannot benefit from my experience, but the public may be educated in time not to regard my lame duck as a Miss Lucy of Alabama. And I could give the public much sound advice on the way to respect these children.

But I am asked how I shall advise my other daughter, Jennifer, a teenager, on marriage, morals, money, and drink.

I do not intend to offer Jennifer any such advice. She is an individual. She must make her own decisions on these matters. I will not inflict my Georgian views on this Elizabethan child.

My parents and my mothers will probably resent this, inflicted on me three Edwardian views. I escaped from this bondage because the Daily Express expelled me from the

What I should tell my child about—



MONEY MORALS MARRIAGE

parental nest at the age of 17 to Glasgow. There I developed without the advantage of my parents' advice. I found my own feet.

Ever since I have believed in what I call the Cuckoo Theory, kick your young out of the nest just as soon as they can stand on their own two feet.

I constantly urge Jennifer to be independent.

Sure, she drinks — she has drunk wine at meals since she was nine.

At 15, she has a fine taste in wine. At the theatre the other night she asked for a Dubonnet. She got it.

She has already learned by experience that drink is a serious matter. She has learned to discriminate. And in time she will learn to drink in moderation, and with the reserve with which all women should approach alcohol.

I prefer her to be the judge of what she shall drink, and how much she shall drink.

By the time the boys' friends come along she will be the master of drink.

My advice, for what it is worth, is to start your children drinking the French fashion: It is never too early to learn. Marriage? I love my wife. We have been married for 10 years. By our own behaviour I hope my daughter will learn to respect the marriage vows.

She must choose her own husband. I will try to create an atmosphere in which she may find her true love. But if it happens to be the grocer's boy she falls in love with, well—I shall not intervene.

She must live her own life—not the life I would like her to live. Parents who fix the marriages of their children might also adopt an Eastern religion.

Morals? Well, if you believe in the sanctity of the marriage vows there is no more to be said on this matter. Your child will follow her parents' example.

So we come to money. I have always been mean with my daughter. I came the hard way, with money in my family very tight.

At 15-plus she gets 20s. a week, out of which she pays for her fares to school, school meals, hair-do's, skating, sweets, and other odds and ends. She has learned to respect money. And she is no slave to money.

You can quickly ruin a child's outlook on marriage, morals, money, and drink by giving them too much money too soon.

In fact your child will mirror your own outlook on life. You set the pace. If you want to bring up your child the right way, then temper your judgment and your example with a little old-fashioned Victorianism.

TAILPIECE: I read this to my wife. She agrees.

Tomorrow: Anne Edwards



London Express Service.

What's Worrying The Russians? THE BALLOON GOES UP!

By J. STUBBS WALKER

THE first balloon was sent into the sky by a couple of French brothers named Montgolfier 173 years ago; and it is not without immediate interest that what made it climb to a height of 1,600 ft and travel for a mile and a half was hot air.

Nowadays, of course, hot air is no longer used to make balloons rise; the hot air comes afterwards, in thousands of words of claim and counter-claim, accusation and explanation, as to why American balloons fly over Russian territory.

THEIR DIGNITY

THE hot air has not all been Russian. While the Soviet accusations have been difficult to swallow some of the American explanations have been almost equally unlikely.

The Russians complain that U.S. balloons have been flying over Soviet territory taking photographs of "strategic areas" and carrying the pictures back to the U.S. Intelligence Staffs.

The balloons, they say, are violating their territory, endangering the safety of their civil airlines, and are an offence to the dignity of the Soviet.

They say they have captured balloons and developed the pictures to prove their argument. The balloons, they further assert, are fitted with radio sets which transmit information to the Americans—though what information has never been specified. There have been dark hints from the satellite countries that these intruders, in fact, carry television transmitters, but even the Russian propagandists have not pressed this rather nonsensical claim.

Statements that the balloons have been responsible for the destruction of an airplane and two fighters behind the Iron Curtain have not been substantiated.

The whole situation stems from the fact that almost every country in the world is intensifying its study of the weather and that one factor influencing the weather more than most is the upper winds—streams of air which travel at up to 100 miles an hour at very great heights. The only way to study these air streams—at least until we have perfected the sending up of rockets and the launching of earth satellites—is by releasing balloons, tracking them by radar, and attaching them equipment to measure temperature and pressure.

The more advanced types of balloon carry two cameras, one of which photographs the readings of instruments while the other takes occasional pictures of the cloud formation below the balloon.

'THIS BOX IS HARMLESS' NEEDLESS to say, the downward-shooting cameras will sometimes take pictures of the ground over which the balloon is flying, but these pictures are simply the result of there being no cloud to photograph when the shutter clicked.

The information the photographs hold can, of course, only be put to use if the rather expensive equipment carried goes back to the country releasing the balloons.

The Russians admit that the American balloons they have "captured" carried this message: "This box is harmless. It has weather information in it. Notify the authorities. You will receive a valuable reward if you turn it in as it is."

As to using balloons for espionage, the idea is rather absurd. We know a great deal about upper air currents, and it is possible to give a rough forecast of where a balloon will fly; but the likelihood of any balloon passing over a specified target runs into the same kind of odds as a football pool, treble chance.

MUCH BETTER METHODS

IF the United States Intelligence Division wanted pictures of Russian territory they could employ much more satisfactory ways of obtaining them.

The balloons are easy to detect by radar, are simple to intercept unless at extreme altitude and can give little information from the Intelligence point of view that they could be easily ignored.

If the Russians were not so ready to make a political point of all this balloon flying they would admit that it has a real international value in learning more about the weather. They themselves launch hundreds of similar balloons a week. And some of them stray into American territory.

This month the Queen will lead the first pilgrims to Coventry...

PROGRESS REPORT ON BRITAIN'S

Contemporary Cathedral

By DENIS HOLMES

THE first pilgrims will make their way later this month to a new cathedral—to Coventry, blitzed city whose scars are fading in the plastic surgery of reconstruction.

Leading the travellers to this shrine will be the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Her Majesty will lay the foundation stone of the ultra-modern £1,000,000 cathedral.

In the open air the first service will be held on the new site—overshadowed by the ruins of the old building, burned down in the Nazi fire raid of 1940.

Where these first pilgrims tread thousands more will follow to seek inspiration and hope in this symbol of 20th-century Christianity.

CONTROVERSY

IN this age of the H-bomb Canterbury is to many young people just part of their history books; but Coventry's growing cathedral is as real and contemporary as their furniture and homes.

It began as a dream in the mind of a Scottish architect, Basil Spence, now a professor at Leeds University. He turned from designing pavilions for the Festival of Britain and council houses to what he said was not a planning problem but "the opportunity to create a shrine to the glory of God."

In the design competition he won the £2,000 first prize from more than 200 entries. His design was described as having "qualities of spirit and imagination of the highest order." But as he won a place in history so controversy followed him.

Church and laity either condemned outright or praised. One clergyman wanted to know whether in this building-like a "super cinema" the organ would disappear from sight at the end of the service, or if a chromium-plated slot machine would dispense hymn books for a nickel.

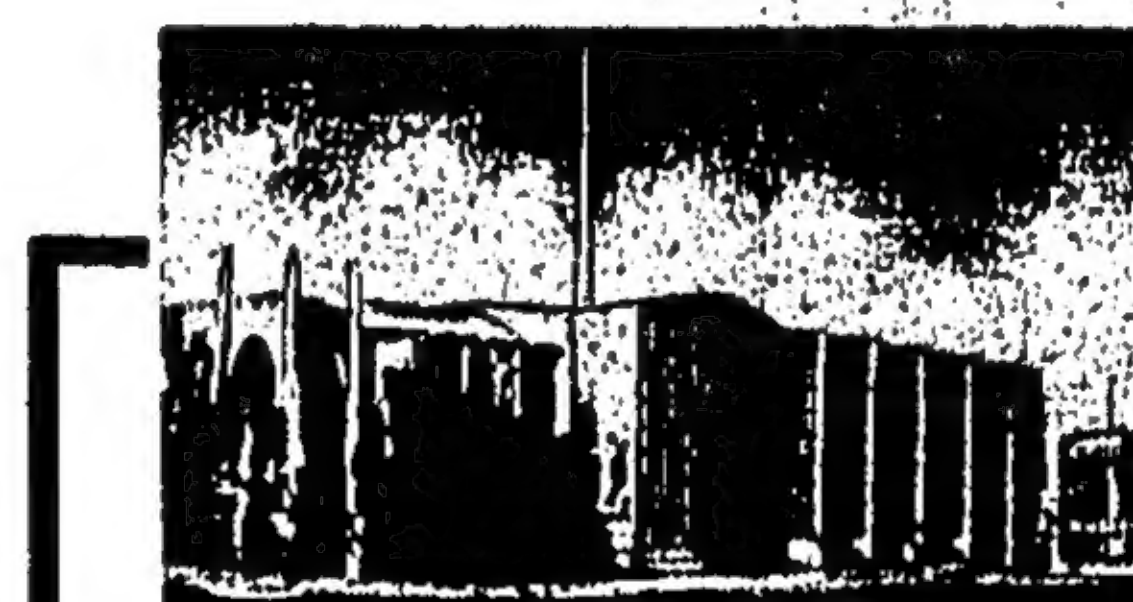
But the far-sighted defended Spence's supposedly beautiful ideal of a "prayer in stone."

IN TAPESTRY

THE Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Neville Gorton, died last November before the dream could become reality. Years ago the bishop told me: "There is a guerrilla war being waged against the cathedral. But if only the critics would wait and see... see that it will be majestic and beautiful and as much representative of Christianity as any traditional Gothic cathedral."

Today the design is accepted and there have been few changes. The foundations are almost complete and then the zigzag walls will begin to rise in pink-grey sandstone that is 100,000 years old. Only as fast as Staffordshire quarrymen haul the stone can the cathedral grow.

Meanwhile, artist Graham Sutherland is working on the world's largest tapestry for the altar. It will cost about £20,000 and weigh 15cwt. This vast, 74ft-high and 40ft-wide tapestry will declare the Christian Gospel in pictorial form in modern dyes that will not fade in 800 years.



This special model shows how the new cathedral will look when finished.



Quarrymen (above) at Rugeley, Staffordshire, cutting out the five-ton blocks of sandstone for the cathedral. Miss Stella Gross (left) puts stained glass for the cathedral windows into an electric kiln for firing at the Royal College of Arts.

At Durham the organ is being built, and in London's Royal College of Art the ten stained-glass windows are half-completed. In the colours of the rainbow they will record the ages of man.

Elsewhere skilled craftsmen are making and engraving the 80ft-wide great glass screen that forms the west wall. It was this screen, originally designed to drop into the floor at the touch of an electric switch, that created the nickname "push-button cathedral."

ACT OF FAITH

BUT Professor Spence dropped the push-button idea—the screen opens like ordinary doors now—and added something else.

He added a spire; not a steeple like the one in the old ruins that will be joined to the new building by a great porch, but a slender, stainless-steel wand surmounted by a star and a cross.

Work began early in 1954 and will take anything from five to eight years to complete.

How will this cathedral church look to the congregation of the future as they enter?

There will be a sense of infinite space in a scene of dignity and beauty. At night concealed lights will shine like stars through the lofty lace-like structure of the perforated ceiling.

By day the windows will create ever-moving shadows and all the light in the zigzag walls will pour towards the altar.

Only by looking back will the congregation see a window or any direct light. And ahead that vast tapestry will reflect light without dazzle so that the altar and the priest will never be in the shade.

When Coventry City Council claimed in 1954 that the time was inopportune to build the cathedral the Cathedral Reconstruction Committee went direct to the Minister of Works, then Sir David Eccles.

Sir David gave permission to build, and said that the work was an "act of faith."

To so many it is an act of faith—this building of a great cathedral with money that has come from all over the world. But perhaps the greatest faith of all for the future will be found in the glowing colours of one stained-glass window. For it will be given by Christians in the country, that destroyed the first Coventry Cathedral.

THE IDEAL MAN FOR MARILYN

From RICHARD KILIAN

ON a night table next to Marilyn Monroe's seven-foot-wide bed in a half-finished New York flat is the picture of Albert Einstein, the late scientist whose formulae led to the discovery of atomic energy.

Over the bed hangs a picture of another man—Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States.

And these, according to Marilyn, are the only two men in her life right now. "But I'd like to get married again and have a child or children," she said.

And here are the details she gave for her ideal man:

"I'll know when I see him. I would like the man to have masculinity combined with sensitivity, a certain maturity. I admit I lean a little toward older men, and my head might swing around a little faster if he's dark, but that does not mean anything."

"A man does not have to be any particular height; he doesn't have to dance, and I don't care if he has hair or no hair."

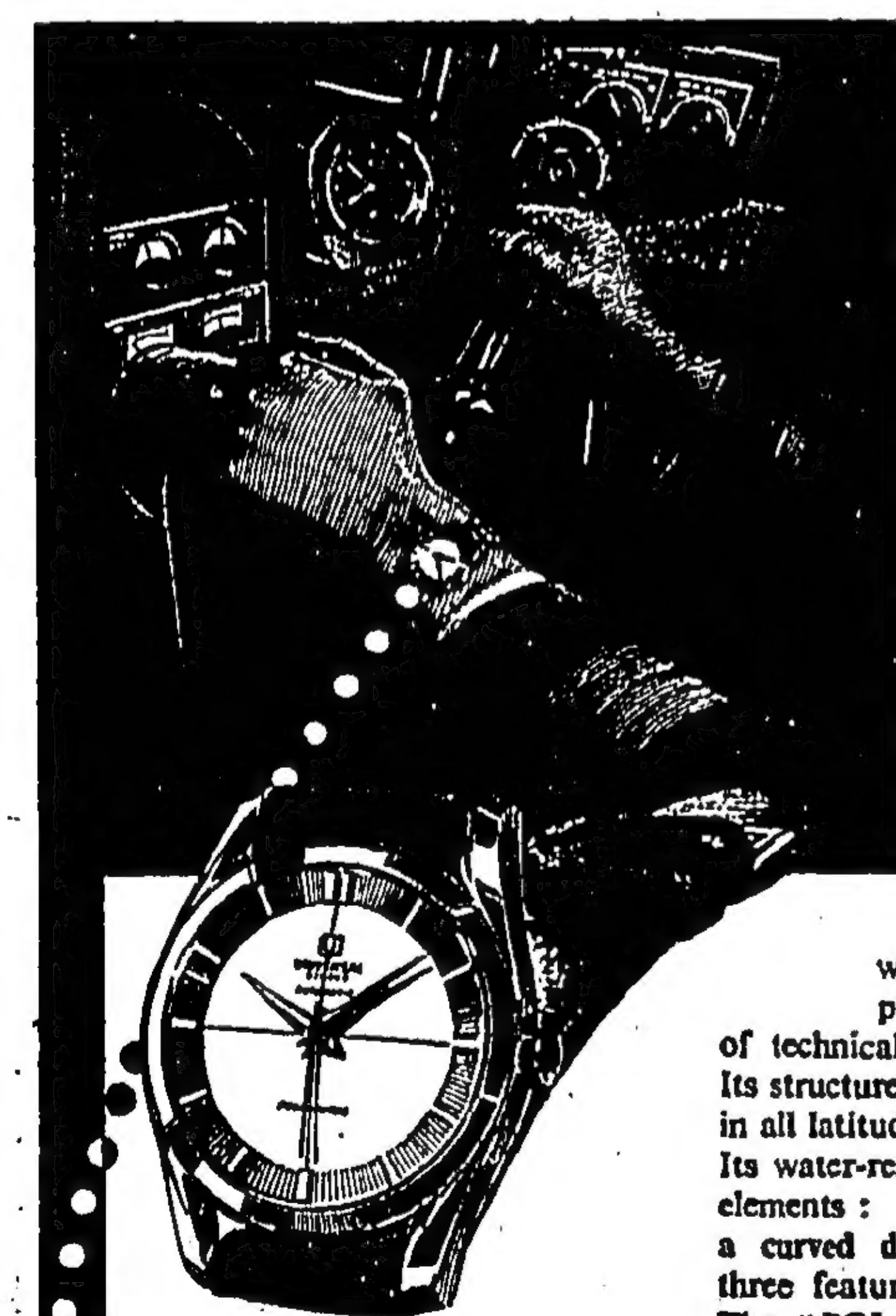
She is decorating the flat herself. So far the bedroom, kitchen and dining room are all white. The bathroom is white and filled with costly, intricate weight scale and cosmetics-in-gallon bottles.

The living room has a beige carpet, provincial furniture, a plush velvet sofa and a piano.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



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At Melbourne Olympic Games...

Japan Out To Retrieve Reputation As World's Top Swimming Nation

By LESLIE NAKASHIMA

Tokyo, Mar. 5.

Japan is out to retrieve, at the Melbourne Olympic Games, the reputation she enjoyed in the 1932 and 1936 Olympiads as the world's top swimming nation.

The Japan Swimming Federation has mapped an intensive training programme to erase the dismal record at the 1952 Games at Helsinki when the Rising Sun flag swimmers failed to win a single event.

Japan's greatest postwar swimmer, Hiroshi Furukawa, had passed his peak then and finished eighth and last in the 400 Metres Freestyle event.

This time, Japan's hopes are bright. Last year, Japan beat a United States team in a meet here.

Three Japanese swimmers also set the best world times in three events. These were: Masaru Furukawa, 2:33.7 in the 200 Metres orthodox breaststroke; Takaishi Ichimaru, 2:23.8 in the 200 Metres butterfly; and Takaoka Ono, 18:20.4 in the 1,500 Metres Freestyle.

A CERTAIN WINNER

A Japanese swimming expert thinks Furukawa at least is a certain winner in the 200 Metres breaststroke at Melbourne. They believe, too, that Ono and several other teenagers have a mighty good chance of taking the 1,000 Metres despite the phenomenal performance of 18:20.8 by Australia's Murray Rose at Sydney in February.

Ichimaru is considered a top contender for the Gold medal in the 100 Metres butterfly.

Benzo Koike, Silver medal winner in the 200 Metres breaststroke at the 1936 Games in Berlin, who has been selected as head coach of the team going to Melbourne, says Japan will be right up there with the best in the 100 Metres Freestyle.

He says that Manabu Kogi, 21, Atsushi Tani, 22, and Hiroshi Suzuki, 22, who placed second at Helsinki, have an excellent chance of winning the 100 Metres Freestyle.

Koike also feels that Japan will be mighty strong in the four-man 800 Metres relay.

Sixty of the most promising swimmers in the country have been selected for group training for the Olympics, and will begin next month in a 50-Metre indoor pool at Beppu, Kyushu, because the meet at Melbourne will be indoors.

"Candidates for the team will be selected from the National Championship beginning August 8," Koike said. "This list may be increased after the inter-high and inter-collegiate meets which follow."

Koike will be assisted in his coaching by Mitsuo Ota, Bilkby University graduate, and by Furukawa, whose world record of 18:19 in the 1,500 Metres, still stands, as manager. United Press.

SHEK-O GOLF

The final of the Archie Lyle Trophy at Shek-O was played over 36 holes on February 19 between R. D. Bell and B. Harrison, resulting in a win for R. D. Bell with 70 and 71. In reaching the final Bell defeated W. G. Vaughan, E. B. McBurn, P. V. Hughes and R. Newton. Harrison defeated Dr. J. Gray, J. F. Shoemaker and F. G. Harrison.

Over Christmas New Year a Stableford competition resulted in a tie between N. P. Fox and Mrs. D. Backe with 33 points each, but Fox had the better second nine, N. P. Fox also won the 4 card Eccles with a nett 58.

The "A" & "B" Medal pools run during the month were won by C. E. Wallace (7) and N. F. Scaries (13) each with 65 nett.

The draw for the Mixed Foursomes knockout competition is now posted in the clubhouse. Entrants are requested to note the first round to be played off by March 18 and being a two-ball foursome starts can be made at any time.

LADIES' SECTION

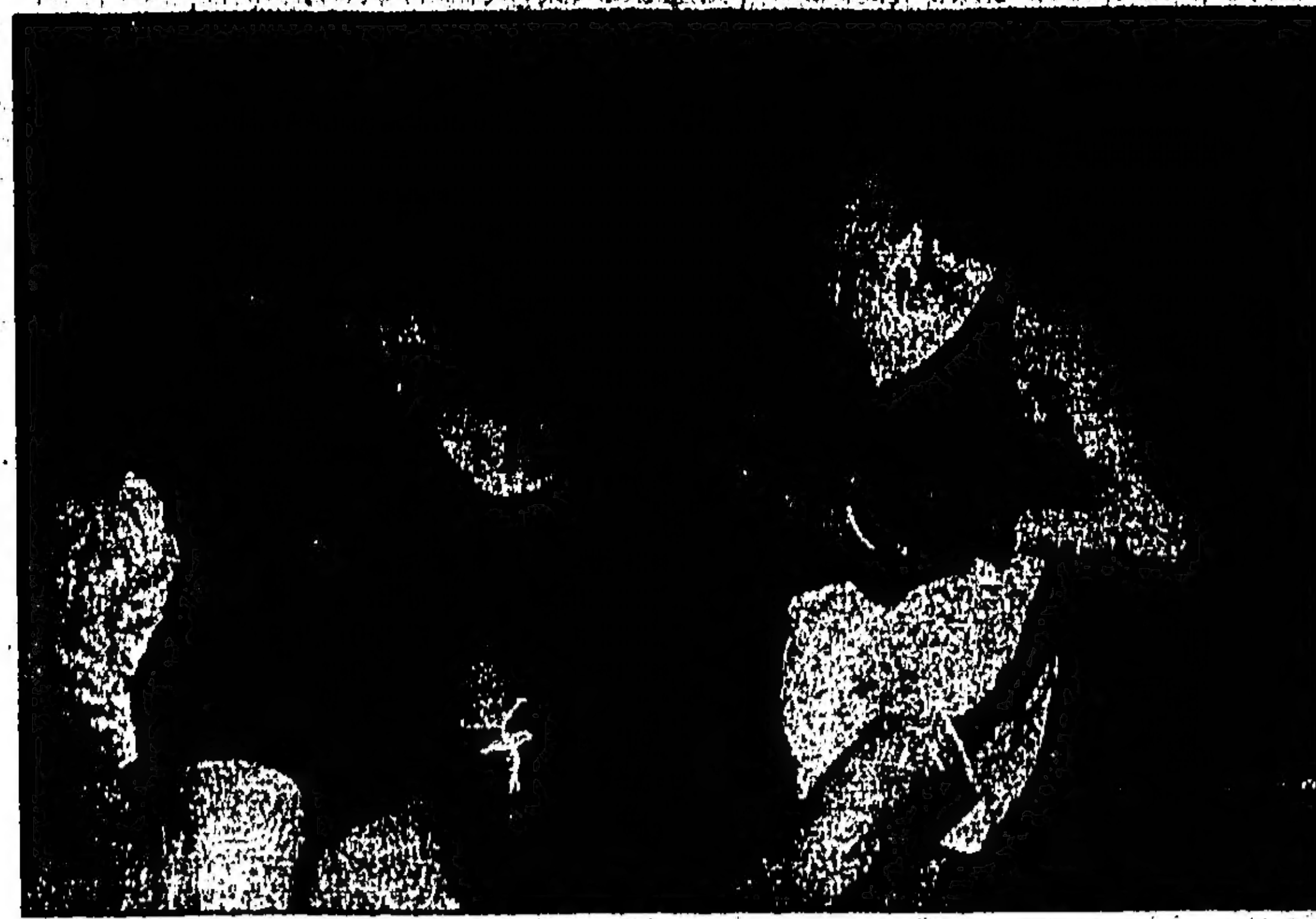
Following are the results of the Ladies' Section golf matches played at Shek-O during January and February:

FOUR-BALL COMPETITIONS
Silver Division
Mrs. F. G. Harrison 63-4=99, Mrs. B. Harrison 65-5=110, Mrs. F. G. Harrison proved to be the winner on the count back for the second round hole.

Bronze Division
Mrs. N. P. Fox 69-10=79, Mrs. B. Harrison 65-5=110, Mrs. F. G. Harrison proved to be the winner on the count back for the second round hole.

Other good scores for this competition were Mrs. B. Backe 95% (S), Mrs. D. Neale 60% (S), Mrs. J. H. Gray 60% (S) and Mrs. A. D. Smart 62% (S).

Players are reminded that the Qualifying Round for the Barry Cup is to be played on Thursday, March 15, and to arrange their own partners.



The Army Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships held at the Military Boxing Centre, Aldershot, between 38 Trng Regt RA and 2nd Bn KRRG on February 24 resulted in a win for the Rifle Corps, by 18 points to 15. The KRRG were the better team and deserved their victory, but the general standard left a lot to be desired. Picture shows Gannet Douglas ducks to avoid the punishing right hand of Rifleman Maynard and at the same time attempts a right swing, in the Bantamweight contest. Maynard won on points.—Army News Service Photo.

SPORTS VIEWPOINT

A Billy Wright Is Charlton's Need

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Down in London's South East they are celebrating a Jubilee—the 50th birthday of Charlton Athletic Football Club.

Almost every soccer fan in the metropolis has a soft spot for the "Cinderellas." Certainly there have been hopes down in the "Happy Valley" that the "babes" of London's First Division family would bring home the bacon this season in the form of the League Championship.

It would be the perfect gift for manager Jimmy Seed, now nearing the age of retirement. For in his 22 years with Charlton the Championship is the only honour that has escaped him. In their record breaking-run of the early thirties Seed took his team from the Third to the First Division in two seasons.

His team made two consecutive post-war appearances at Wembley, losing to Derby County in the 1946 Cup Final, and beating Burnley the following year.

For the last few seasons Charlton have commenced the League battle with a team, on paper, of Championship class. They have settled themselves snugly among the leaders. And the hopes of their supporters have been raised sky-high.

But the older hands among them have warned: "Wait and see."

LOST THEIR GRIP

Down has come the rain. And Charlton, inevitably have lost their grip. Just as they are struggling now, so they have struggled in the past at this time of year.

What is the reason for their annual decline? Is it the fault of the weather-man, who brings mud, snow and ice in mid-winter? My own view is that it goes far deeper than that. And I am not joining the "I-told-you-so brigade," when I say that for the past three seasons I have watched Jimmy Seed's boys collecting the points without feeling over-optimistic.

I have felt, as indeed I do now, that Charlton are a team of "potentials." Team and club spirit have always been second to none at Charlton. Spirit can carry a side a long way. But highest rating it has earned Charlton is "workmanlike."

It has been said that Charlton have been sadly lacking at inside forward since the days of "Sailor" Brown and Don Welsh.

Certainly Charlie Vaughan and, more latterly, Stuart Leary, as leaders of the attack, have been driven to near despair by lack of support.

But within the last three years Charlton have seemed to have found the answer—twice. Yet on both occasions the transfer of a player started an

other hunt for a successful combination, and sparked off the fuse for heated arguments among the fans. The supporters claimed that the transfers were ill-timed. Results indicate that whatever the reasons for the moves, these criticisms have not been completely unfounded.

For instance, the introduction to League football three seasons ago of a young centre-forward named Leary—yet another South African discovery—seemed to have solved Charlton's problems. With Eddie Firmani and Charlie Vaughan occupying the inside berths, Charlton were getting the goals and striking up a combination that looked like going places.

But Vaughan lost his place through injury, and then moved to Portsmouth. The search was on again.

"When one door shuts, another opens," is the Jimmy Seed philosophy. Just about the time of the Vaughan transfer, a determined young man from Birkenhead, Liverpool, was knocking on that door. Bobby Ayre was an outside-right. After a couple of games as deputy for regular right-winger Gordon Hurst, however, Bobby came into the side first at inside-right, and then at centre-forward with Stuart Leary and Eddie Firmani on either flank.

DASHING STYLE

Bobby's dashing style and spirited leadership earned him a place in the Young England side which thrashed Italy 5-1 at Stamford Bridge. Bobby got the first goal with almost his first kick in representative football.

A dislocated shoulder for Ayre and the subsequent transfer of Firmani to the Italian club, Sampdoria, wrote this to the Leary, Ayre, Firmani trio.

You cannot always be lucky. The Charlton door opened again. Newcomer Jimmy Gauld, the Scotsman from Irish club Waterford, has shown a flair for getting opportunistic goals, particularly when the going is heavy. But he cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be termed another Firmani.

Charlton have struggled, and are struggling on with Gauld and John Ryan fulfilling the role of double spearhead, while Leary at centre-forward, lies deep and creates the openings.

But neither Gauld, nor Ryan have been consistent, and the style in itself puts too heavy a burden on Leary. It is stereotyped. And Charlton have learned to their cost that if Leary is injured or well held there is no alternative plan which the team can adopt with the type of player of Gauld and Ryan up front.

Ronnie White, a player of considerable skill who did well on Charlton's close season tour of South America a year ago, has never been able to command a regular place in the side. One possible answer is that although the fans like what they see in White, the Charlton management regard him as non-progressive.

It is easy to be wise while looking in from the outside. But as a believer in ball players as a means of improving British soccer, I cannot help but side with White.

CHANGE IN STYLE

I cannot help feeling also that a change in style would bring about a change in fortunes at the Valley. For, to my mind, a style which includes placing two forwards in or around the penalty box for the express purpose of snapping up goal-chances is both unimaginative and unattractive.

It has been proved that by playing constructive, attractive, football, goals can and will come. In this respect, Charlton must not let the battle for League points triumph over their better judgment. They must not sacrifice skill for "goals at any cost."

Before Charlton can hope to produce a Championship side they need two things. First is a dominating personality as a skipper. Someone out of the Billy Wright mould who can hold the side together, and inspire them when times are bad. The strain of captaincy has obviously affected Derek Union's own play.

Secondly there is an obvious need for good class deputies. It is said that the strength of a side is in its reserves. Charlton have very few players of even potential. First Division standard in their second and third teams.

To achieve these aims I cannot see any alternative than for Charlton to depart from their normal policy, and buy the men they need.

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VISITING THE STABLES

TOM WAUGH IS NOT IN A HURRY

Newmarket.

One of our newest flat-racing trainers has moved into one of the oldest training establishments here. He is Tom Waugh, who starts his first season as a trainer with 21 horses at historic Wroughton House.

Tom Waugh may be one of the youngest trainers at Newmarket, but he has a wealth of experience in handling and managing horses. He has been in and around racing stables since he left school in 1931 to assist his father, the late Tom Waugh.

From 1935 to 1939 he was at Kingsclere as assistant trainer to Fred Butters. In 1940 Tom joined the stable of Fred Butters's brother, Frank, trainer to the Aga Khan, and was there until Butters retired in 1949. He then joined Harvey Lender.

STILL THERE
Last July, Jack Watts, then at Wroughton House, was appointed private trainer to Lord Derby at Fairway House and Tom began negotiations to take over the stables. On October 1 he moved in and many of Watt's owners have left their horses with Waugh.

With the start of the flat season at Lincoln less than a month away, Newmarket is snowbound. Training is almost at a standstill. I suggested to Waugh that it must be particularly tantalising for a new trainer to be unable to get down to work.

"Having runners at Lincoln is not everything," he said. "Several of my horses need plenty of time and I shall not hurry them just for the sake of seeing them on a racetrack."

Two-year-olds outnumber the older horses at Wroughton House. The one who really appealed to me was Fast Flight, owned by Major J. B. Walker. It is a pity that Fast Flight is a gelding, but he is a fine-looking individual.

Tom Waugh is hopeful that he will prove a useful stayer. "But I don't intend to hurry him—he needs time."

Tom is ignoring, too, the implication in the name of a two-year-old filly by Petition called Pray Hurry. Petition has sired some attractive offspring, and this is one of them. It should pay to remember the name of Pray Hurry later in the season.

BY LUMINARY
Lady Bulloah has a colt who looks as though he should be able to race—Martial Song, by the good sprinter, Luminary. Martial Song, out of Canzonetta, has a half-sister in Ireland called Carzetta one of Prendergast's fastest two-year-olds last year.

Two of the most robust youngsters in the yard are also two of the cheapest. Mr. H. G. Kewley paid only 300 guineas for the strongly built Kewley by Frank Flower, and he appears to have a bargain, too, in the Top Walk gelding, Walter X, who cost just 150 guineas.

Pick of the older horses is Thorney Hill, owned by Mr. Thorney Hill, who was 6-1 favourite for the Aintree steeplechase at last Monday's collover, has bruised a foot. The ten-year-old was given walking exercise at Vincent O'Brien's stable in Ireland today. O'Brien hopes the horse will resume full training later this week.

Layers tonight reduced the odds against Quare Times' chief rivals, with Sundew now nominally favourite at 100-8 and ESB, who beat him at Manchester on Saturday, cut from 20-1 to 100-8.

The Lincolnshire Handicap market produced some changes, with Lady Waterford's four-year-old Trouville, the top weight, tumbling from 33-1 to become 100-8 joint favourite with Frisky Scot.

A commission to win £25,000 was placed on Trouville over the week-end.

ODDS OFFERED
Odds offered at the end of the session were:
LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP
100-8 Frisky Scot and Trouville.

20-1 Turk's Blood and River
22-1 Nicholas Nickleby
25-1 Milonga, Retrial and Bedser.

28-1 Tudor Jinks and Loppys
33-1 Le Pailin, Flying Willam, Solon Morn, Beehoven, Tal of Two Cities and Mintome Magna.

40-1 Nimblefoot, Redway, Aorangi, Noholme, Sir Jasper, 50-1 Estrigon and Cardillac.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE
100-8 Sundew.
100-8 ESB.
100-7 Cecreys Cottage and Vallant Spark.

Qppay, Must and Devon Loch.
20-1 High Guard.
25-1 Merry Windsor and Pippy Kln.

28-1 Martners Jog.
33-1 Armadillo, Key Royal and Royal Tat.
40-1 Early Mist, Onray, Wise Child, Athenian and Gligolo.
50-1 Hollybank.—Reuter.

MCC 116 For Two At Mulfan
Mulfan, Pakistan, Mar. 5.
The MCC had made 116 for two in reply to 120 by the Combined Pakistan railway and Baluchistan Eleven at the close on the opening day of their three-day match here.—Reuter.

SOUTH CHINA WIN TWICE IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Mar. 5.
The South China soccer team, which arrived here on March 2, played against a Royal Thai Air Force Club on Saturday, March 5, and won by seven goals to four.

The next day they played against a Police Club and won by seven goals to nil. The South China team is scheduled to play the local Chinese Combined Eleven on March 10, the Bangkok team on March 10 and Bangkok Combined on March 11.—Reuter.

SMALLBORE RIFLE LEAGUE

The First Round of the 1956 Colony Smallbore Rifle League was fired off at the Hongkong Gun Club last Saturday, March 5. The shooting on the whole was slightly below average although conditions were ideal. A total of nine possibilities were recorded. Each of the following scores was possible: William Eu, M. Patrick, Cpl. Davis, Henry Souza, R. Remedios, A. Noronha, M. Lau, Mabel Wong and Li Comdr. Solomon.

The Royal Hongkong Defence Force "A" team made the highest team score and defeated the Army "A" team, last year's runners-up in the Colony League. The RHDFF team, winners of the Colony Smallbore League for the last three successive years, showed signs of their intention to retain the coveted Hon. Secretary's Shield when their team averaged 88.17.

Two teams are competing in this League and unfortunately the RAF Kai Tak team had to postpone their First Round match against the Hongkong Police Reserve. Below are the team and individual scores:

RHDFF "A": Henry Souza 199, A. Noronha 188, R. Remedios 187, E. Rosario 195, E. Costa 195, F. Quah 194, Total 1178 v Army "A": ASM Stanbury 194, Cpl. Davis 198, S/Sgt. Clarke 196, W. O. I. James 192, Ctn. Morris, 190, Pte. Wood 187, Total 1187.

Army "B": Sgt. Brewster 197, Sgt. Wilkins 194, Pte. Hawthorn 192, Anderson 192, Sgt. Blackshaw 188, W. O. H. Clayton 181, Total 1140 v Hongkong Police: M. Patrick 198, R. Noddings 195, L. Karpovich 194, Wong Kwok-fai 184, R. Russell 179, C. Smith 179, Total 1129.

Hongkong Gun Club: Mabel Wong 199, M. Lau 186, David Wong 196, J. Belcher 191, Lai Hung-sang 187, L. Rosario 185, Total 1164 v R.H.K.D.F. "B": L. Gutierrez 193, T. Buckley 192, R. Archer 191, E. Mao 184, S. Carvalho 179, E. Abbas 166, Total 1105.

NAVY: Lt. Comdr. Solomon 195, P. O. Clayton 193, A. B. Milson 193, A. E. McNeill 192, P. O. Steer 188, P. O. Smith 182, Total 1147 v R.A.F. Sai Wan: Sac. Price 191, Cpl. Dellington 189, Cpl. Green 185, J/T Johnston 187, Cpl. Chambers 189, Cpl. Newton 183, Total 1124.

H.K.P. Reserve: William Eu 199, K. C. Hoo 196, R. Young 195, F. C. Ko 183, F. W. Ko 182, S. K. Shiu 192, Total 1157 v R.A.F. Kai Tak (postponed).

League Table
R.H.K.D.F. "A" S.W.L.D.F. Pts. Avg.
H.K. Gun Club 1 1 0 0 0 2 1164
Royal Navy 1 1 0 0 0 2 1147
Army "A" 1 1 0 0 0 2 1187
Army "B" 1 1 0 0 0 2 1129
H.K.P. Sai Wan 1 1 0 0 0 2 1124
R.H.K.D.F. "B" 1 1 0 0 0 2 1105
R.A.F. Kai Tak (Postponed) 1 1 0 0 0 2 1157

FA Cup Draws

London, Mar. 5.
Draw for the FA Cup semi-finals made today is:

Sunderland v Birmingham City (at Hillsborough, Sheffield).

Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur (at White Hart United (at Villa Park, Birmingham)).

Matches will be played on Saturday, March 17.

Replays on or before the following Thursdays.

The Scottish Cup semi-finals draw, also made today, resulted:

Celtic v Clyde (at Hampden Park, Glasgow).

Hearts v Raith Rovers (at Easter Road, Edinburgh).

The matches will be played on Saturday, March 24, with replays, if necessary, on Wednesday, March 28.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Media Committee meeting at Middlesbrough.
H.K.A.S. Council Meeting at Club Lusitano 6.40 p.m. (at Lusitano).

Queen's College Annual sports at Caroline Hill.
Totals
Colony Greencoast Tennis Championships at Greencoast.
TOMORROW
Bathurst
School Meeting at C.C.C. 6 p.m.
Colony Tennis Championships at Greencoast, 6 p.m.

GOLF
Starting Times For Lusitania Cup Tourney

The following are the draw and starting times for the Lusitania Cup to be played for at Fanning golf course on Sunday.

This trophy was presented by the Portuguese members of the Club for annual competition over 36 holes against Bogey, the maximum handicap allowance being three-quarters of 18. Afternoon times from 1 p.m. to 2.10 p.m. have been reserved for this competition, ordinary four-ball games starting at 2.10 p.m.

A.M. Old Course

9.04 E. V. Wintley-J. J. Basso
9.08 J. A. White-A. A. Lopez
9.12 J. A. Basso-F. C. Braddell
9.16 H. R. Pina-L. O. King
9.20 W. N. Gray-D. O. Chiu
9.24 W. D. Leighton-A. F. Sutcliffe
9.28 K. S. Bookner-R. D. I. G. Henderson
9.32 S. Gordon-D. Shaw
9.36 J. L. Kay-A. B. Coleman
9.40 F. Zimmerman-J. H. Warner
9.44 P. A. Laroche-H. D. Franks
9.48 K. S. Kinghorn-J. C. Van der Touw
9.52 N. P. Downie-W. S. Vaughan
9.56 L. Gibson-W. Stoker
10.00 A. D. Duffy-O. W. Hinward

A.M. New Course

9.04 A. R. de Pinna-Y. T. Leung
9.08 F. C. Down-C. P. Basso
9.12 E. F. Noronha-T. R. MacLean
9.16 A. G. Dunn-J. J. Cowperthwaite
9.20 N. A. Anderson-T. F. H. Walters
9.24 F. R. Zimmerman-A. E. El-Jall
9.28 A. W. C. Villiers-D. R. Harrier
9.32 H. J. Clarke-B. H. Hillmorton
9.36 K. U. Dzang-J. H. Hamilton
9.40 P. D. Bladen-A. Macdonald
9.44 F. W. D. Goss-A. Graham
9.48 W. N. Nichol-A. D. Neale
9.52 W. I. T. Crunden-W. H. Paterman
10.00 J. H. Ni-W. C. Falconer

CAPTAIN'S CUP

W. D. Leighton, with a return of 77-8=Nett 72, won the March Qualifier for the Captain's Cup played for over the Old Course at Fanning during the week-end. R. K. Collings (83-8=75) and A. F. Sutcliffe (78-3=75) were joint runners-up and L. C. Saville was in third place with Nett 77.

It is hoped to hold a function at Deep Water Bay on Saturday, March 24 and if it is found possible to do so, prizes won since September will be presented. Details are under consideration and it is possible that a mixed golf competition will be held during the afternoon and the food-Restaurant Range opened at night after a Buffet Supper.

HANDICAP REVISIONS

The following handicap revisions have recently been released:
W. D. Leighton: 8; 2/L. B. C. Newman: 9; T. N. Leigh Bennett: 10; W. Rees: 17.

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Safety Mat Is Boxing's Way To Beat Death

By HARRY CARPENTER

A new type of safety mat, designed to reduce brain injuries in the ring, is about to be tried out by the British Boxing Board of Control, after nearly a year's research.

The mat, which costs £120 and is an inch thick, will be used for the first time at Liverpool Stadium on March 8.

Present Board of Control regulations call for nothing more than canvas, with a felt underlay, to cushion the wooden ringboards.

Junior Shuttle Championships Start Today

The Colony 1955-56 Junior Badminton Championships will get underway today at the Indian Recreation Club. Sixty kumpoo with six matches down for decision. The first game starts at 7 p.m.

There will be two men's singles, two mixed doubles and two men's doubles games.

Following is the draw and starting times.

DRAW

Men's Singles: Hon. Yung-tang v. Bill Tan; Lee Weng-tung v. Li Hin-wing; Wong Wai-hung (bye).

Men's Doubles: J. Motia (bye), Z. A. Abbas and M. Kan v. B. Arculli and C. Yew; W. B. Brown and B. Douglas v. Y. Cheung and Li Hin-wing; S. K. Ng and C. K. Chan (bye); K. L. Lui and Dr. P. H. Lam v. Y. Cheung and Li Hin-wing; P. C. Chau and S. Y. Wong; Wong Po-ay and R. D. Nunes; George Ma and Wong Wai-hung (bye).

Ladies' Singles: "Chander Ho (bye) v. Chai Yuen-chun (bye); D. Madgett v. Mrs. S. Silva; Mary Wong (bye).

Ladies' Doubles: "Conale Young and Chai Yuen-chun (bye) v. Sunata Kulkomol and Mrs. Mary Chen (bye); Mrs. S. A. Abbas and Heidi Lam v. Mrs. A. Yung and Mrs. S. Silva; Mary Wong and Betty Yung (bye).

Mixed Doubles: "B. K. L. Lui and S. K. Ng v. Wong Wai-hung and Mrs. S. Silva; Y. Cheung and Li Hin-wing v. B. Arculli and Mrs. Cohen; Hon. Yung-tang and Mrs. W. K. Chan; C. Chau and S. Y. Wong; George Ma and Mary Wong (bye).

Players with asterisks before their names are newcomers.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

7 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—Lee Weng-tung v. Li Hin-wing.

7.30 p.m.—Men's Junior Doubles—Z. A. Abbas and M. Kan v. B. Arculli and Mrs. Cohen.

8 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—Yip Cheung and Li Hin-wing v. P. C. Chau and S. Y. Wong.

8.30 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—Hon. Yung-tang v. Bill Tan.

9 p.m.—Junior Mixed Doubles—B. K. L. Lui and S. K. Ng v. Wong Wai-hung and Mrs. S. Silva.

9.30 p.m.—Junior Men's Doubles—E. M. Ribeiro and R. D. Nunes v. Wong Po-ay and Fel Lung.

TOMORROW

7.30 p.m.—Ladies' Junior Doubles—Mrs. Abbas and Heidi Lam v. Mrs. A. Yung and Mrs. S. Silva.

8 p.m.—Junior Men's Doubles—W. B. Brown and B. Douglas v. Y. Cheung and Li Hin-wing.

8.30 p.m.—Ladies' Junior Doubles—Conale Young and Chai Yuen-chun v. Sunata Kulkomol and Mrs. Mary Chen.

9 p.m.—Men's Junior Doubles—Z. A. Abbas and M. Kan v. B. Arculli and Mrs. Cohen.

9.30 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—W. B. Brown and B. Douglas v. Y. Cheung and Li Hin-wing.

10 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—George Ma v. w/o Hon. Yung-tang.

THURSDAY

7.30 p.m.—Men's Junior Doubles—George Ma and Wong Wai-hung v. w/o E. M. Ribeiro and R. D. Nunes.

8 p.m.—Men's Junior Doubles—A. J. Motia, Abbas and M. Kan v. B. Arculli and C. Yew.

8.30 p.m.—Men's Junior Doubles—W. B. Brown and B. Douglas v. Y. Cheung and Li Hin-wing.

9 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—George Ma v. w/o Hon. Yung-tang.

9.30 p.m.—Men's Junior Singles—Wong Wai-hung v/o Lee Weng-tung v. Li Hin-wing.

In the past, many deaths have undoubtedly been caused by boxers striking their heads on the hard floor while being knocked over or out.

Severe concussion and at the worst brain haemorrhage can result.

AMERICAN RULE

In New York, a thick safety mat is mandatory equipment for boxing rings—and it is from this the Board's experiment has grown.

Pieces of the material used in American mats were sent to the Board last April. The Board took them to the government's Scientific and Industrial Research department, who suggested improvements.

Firms were then asked to submit samples—and from all this has come a substance called *Aero-Jabber*, said to have shock-absorbing properties six or seven times that of ordinary rubber, but still firm and springy.

That is important, because the big drawback to most safety mats is the strain and drag they impose on fighters' legs.

For that reason, the new mat is not being tried out at Liverpool's show on Thursday when British and Empire Flyweight Champion Dai Dower meets Frenchman Robert Meunier.

Liverpool promoter Johnny Best told me: "We thought it would be unwise to use it for the first time in such an important fight, in case it is not the success we hope."

THOROUGH TEST

Liverpool is chosen for the experiment because it is the only big stadium holding weekly shows at which the mat can be thoroughly and regularly tested.

The fact that for the past six years Liverpool has used a £100 1/4-in.-thick rubber mat as an underlay may also have something to do with it. Comparisons should be easy.

If the new mat, which will be laid down in 21 sections, each 7ft. by 3ft., is a success, it may—and should—become standard equipment in British rings.

Biggest obstacle is its cost, prohibitive to all but the most prosperous promotions. The Boxing Board and the directors of Liverpool Stadium are sharing the cost of the prototype.

The European Boxing Union are watching the British experiment. It will interest Belgium particularly.

There, a few days ago, a public health committee recommended that boxers should wear leather helmets, foam rubber waist belts, and big gloves with foam rubber surfaces.

GAVILAN AGAIN

The fight that cost referee Ben Green his licence is coming up again at Earl's Court, London, on April 24. A return between Peter Waterman and Kid Gavilan was signed the other day.

And the referee rumpus has not done Waterman or Gavilan any harm financially.

Waterman, who got the disputed decision, is being paid three times as much, Gavilan twice as much as last time. "It's the most expensive, ten-round fight I've staged for a long time," says promoter Solomons. The boxers are also taking £500 a side.

Negotiations hung for a while when Waterman's manager, Jarvis Aslaire, asked for a 12-round match ("Peter was getting stronger towards the end of the last one"), but it will be over ten rounds at 10st. 9lb., as before.

Referee? He will be appointed by the Boxing Board. Not Gavilan's manager, Yamil Chade, the most aggrieved party last time, cares who he will be.

"We (sic) shan't need a referee this time. Gavilan will knock him out," says Chade.

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Manchester City, Birmingham Joint Favourites For FA Cup

London, Mar. 5. Manchester City, last year's runners-up, and Birmingham, conquerors of Arsenal in Saturday's quarter-finals, were installed nine to four joint favourites for the FA Cup at tonight's callover at the Victoria Club, London.

Third in the betting at 11 to four are Sunderland, who beat the holders, Newcastle United, on Saturday and meet Birmingham in the semi-finals on March 17. Tottenham Hotspur, United and Manchester City, were quoted at 11 to two, with West Ham outsiders at 20 to one.

At the last callover before Saturday's quarter-finals Tottenham, at 11 to two, were a point shorter than Manchester City and two points less than Sunderland and Birmingham.

The next callover will be on Thursday.—Reuter.

Singapore Sending Basketball Team To Olympics

Singapore, Mar. 5. The Singapore basketball team for the Melbourne Olympics was named last night by the Singapore Chinese Amateur Federation.

Included in the team are several of the players who participated in the Asian Games at Manila. Kong Yan Leng, who managed the Singapore team at Manila, will lead the team to Melbourne.—United Press.

Hungary Wins

Leeds, England, Mar. 5. Hungary beat England 9-2 in an international, table tennis match here tonight.—China Mail Special.

EDWARD GORING AT THE NEW FILMS
TIPSY-TURVY OTHELLO

Orson Welles stands on his head. Or, at least, that is how he appears at first. Then, for a brief, reluctant moment, the camera reverts to a normal position to show Mr. Welles being borne upon a bier to burial.

The confusion is cleared up: It is Othello beginning at the end.

This sombre, silhouetted scene depicting the funeral of a villain's noble victims raises the curtain on Shakespeare's tragedy.

Afterwards, to trace the web of jealousy and hate that enmeshed them all, the film follows the pattern of the play.

Both have much in common. The essentials of the plot and as much of its poetry as is possible in an hour and a half are preserved. But the resemblance is superficial.

Shakespeare takes a tale of treachery and turns it into a classic drama of character, showing an evil mind working destruction on a good. Defying dramatic conventions of time and place, he suspends our disbelief and blinds us to its weaknesses by brute force.

Only Shakespeare could have gone away with it. Here the film breaks under the strong stamp of Mr. Welles's individualism, whose heavy tread crushes the seed of drama; the husk of melodrama remains.

TEMPTATION
Resisting the temptation to turn the play inside out, he delivers the plain, unvarnished tale. But his efforts to translate "Othello" into terms of cinema often turn it upside down.

As an exhausting display of cine-acrobatics, Mr. Welles's production is a rival to Cinema. It was produced and directed, and is completely dominated, by the grown-up infant terrible himself.

He makes a tireless Moor. Hurrying through five acts in 90 minutes he seldom stills, and to encompass his downfall Iago (Michael MacLiammair) must quicken his pace too.

Since it is difficult to keep up with Mr. Welles it is sometimes necessary for characters to believe their lives across many intervening yards, even when they are fortunate enough to be on the screen.

The camera follows tip-toe, tilting to every possible angle and once producing a castle in the air.

At this frenetic photography, combined with restless cutting, distracts attention from Shakespeare's main business, which concerns the gradual enslavement of the Moor in the clutches of a spiritual tormentor.

PLUS MUSIC
Symbolism is left to suggest this. It abounds in black and white contrasts, reticulated patterns recurring as the victims fall into the Machiavel.

Tony de Marco Beats "Bud" Smith Convincingly

Boston, Mar. 5. Rough-house Tony de Marco belted lightweight champion Wallace (Bud) Smith into near-unconsciousness in the ninth round of their scheduled 10-round non-title fight tonight, which was stopped at the 45th minute.

Smith's white towel was thrown into the Boston Garden ring.

The former welterweight champion from Boston's North End softened up his lighter foe with tremendous barrages in the closing seconds of the eighth, which saw Smith against the ropes and down but saved by the bell.

De Marco, alternately sluggish and vicious, closed in in the final round and repped Smith off the ropes several times, bloodying the champion's left ear, before referee Jimmy McCarron stepped in to halt the bloody mess.

De Marco weighed 145½ and Smith 142 for the match, which was witnessed by a cheering Garden crowd of 7,851.—United Press.

PETER DUNCAN TO SWIM IN OLYMPICS

Norman, Oklahoma, Mar. 5. The Oklahoma swimming star, Peter Duncan of Pretoria, South Africa, was today notified that he had been selected for the South African Olympic team.

Duncan, Big Seven Conference Champion in the 440 Yards Freestyle, will swim in the 1,500 Metres and 400 Metres events in the Olympics.

Also named was last year's Oklahoma swimming star, Graham Johnston, who graduated last term.

The two South Africans were notified by Alex Bailey of Durban, a member of the Selection Committee.—United Press.

Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 9. Orders by Mr. Alistair Drummond, Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of 3rd March, 1956.

Posting-Out Examination: The following members of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Fire Service are instructed to present themselves to the Training Officer, A.F.S., for Posting-Out Examination to be held at Eastern Fire Station, Hong Kong, on Friday, March 9, 1956, at 7.30 hours: M. K. Lane, Herman T. S. Chan, Ng Chun-hung, Wong He-chung, Wong Siu-kai, Yung Heung Chiu, To, Liu Wai, Lui Kai, Mok Ying, Shit, Kam-look, Wong Yui-chu, Wong Shun-wah, Poon Yau-king.

Lectures: All officers and above with the exception of A/Cs, MAs of the Kowloon Division are required to attend a lecture on "Messages" to be given by the Training Officer, A.F.S., at the Control Centre (C.A.S. Building, Argyle Street, Kowloon) on Wednesday, March 8, 1956, at 10.00 hours.

Firemen refreshers: Class: The Kowloon Refresher Class is changed to Tuesday from 1900 to 2000 hours. Thursday Class hereby cancelled.

Leave: En. No. 638 (HK) Tam Kwan-shing granted 3 months leave w.e.f. 1.5.56. D.O. (HK) L.A.R. Bennett granted 6 months' overseas leave w.e.f. 1.5.56.

Appointment: En. No. 638 (HK) Tam Kwan-shing appointed A/C, Division of the Kowloon Division w.e.f. 1.5.56 and posted to District (by D.O. (HK) L.A.R. Bennett on overseas leave.

(Sgd.) Peter Duncan, Deputy Supr., A.F.S.

Notice
Band Concert: The A.F.S. Band will give a public performance on Sunday, March 5, 1956, at the Kowloon Garden from 12.00 to 1.00 hours. All members of the Auxiliary Fire Service are cordially invited to be present.

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Not Too Old At Forty, Say Danish Women

Copenhagen, Mar. 5.

The Danish Women's Association has gone
into action to solve the problem of the “too old at
40” attitude of employers to women who want
jobs.

First, they set to work to find out why women
who wanted to return to jobs at which they had
worked before marriage were no longer acceptable
to employers.

Three main arguments, they
found, were put forward by
prospective employers against
engaging a middle-aged woman:

1. She usually lacks sufficient
training.
2. She is usually pre-
occupied with personal problems
—death, divorce, her children
and money worries in the home
are so much in her thoughts that
she lacks the necessary concentration
in her work.

3. She has no contact
with modern working conditions.

TOOK ACTION

Under the guidance of their
vice-chairman, Mrs. Rita Knudsen,
the Danish Women's Association
decided to take action to
meet these three complaints.

In the spring of 1955, a course
designed to fit 40 women to take
up office work again was
arranged. The women's average
age was 48 and they were
drawn from a wide variety of
income groups.

They attended one of two
courses—either in typewriting
and book-keeping or typewriting
and machine accounting—lasting
three months, with attendance
three times a week for periods
of three to four hours at a time.
The main aim was to provide
a short, intensive course which
would give the women the
“know how” to meet youthful
competition. But perhaps more
important was the task of ad-
justing the women psychologically
to their new life.

In this, the women partly
helped themselves. “The very
fact of attending the course and
mixing with other women with
the same sort of problems
helped to restore the women's
confidence in their abilities,”
Mrs. Knudsen explained. “Per-
haps it was just this psycho-
logical significance of the course
—that it existed at all—that
was the first condition of its
success.”

NO OBLIGATION

Two social welfare workers,
members of the Danish Women's
Association, were available as
counselors. The women attending
the course were under no
obligation to consult them, but
most of them did so. They re-
ceived advice on their money
worries, legal and housing
matters and the completion of
the many forms with which the
citizens of the modern welfare
state is expected to cope.

“But above all, in their per-
sonal talks with the social wel-
fare workers, the women got to
see their own problems in a new
light,” Mrs. Knudsen said.

The women on the course
showed a greater interest and
aptitude than the organizers had
dared to hope. Today, all of
them are successfully placed in
jobs and have shown themselves
to possess a greater sense of
responsibility than many
younger women. Employers,
who at first took one woman
with hesitation and misgiving,
have come back and asked for
more.

ENCOURAGED

The first course was followed
by another just as successful
last autumn and a third was
under way at the end of
January.

Encouraged by their first
venture, the Danish Women's
Association is now making plans

for a new course designed to fit
the middle-aged woman as shop
assistant. This will teach the
women such things as how to
stand all day without getting
tired, how to help the customer
and not simply sell and how to
add up the bill smartly and
efficiently.

SOCIAL DISTRESS

The courses are organized at
a minimum cost, far below what
the women would have had to
pay to attend courses elsewhere.
At the same time, the Associa-
tion feels that it has achieved
three things:

1. It has helped to break down
the prejudice of employers
against giving work to middle-
aged women; it has brought new
hope to an age group where
there is much social distress and
mental depression; and it has
turned into useful members of
society women who would other-
wise have been only a financial
drain upon it.

Three of the women who
attended the first course, for
example, had previously been
dependent upon public assist-
ance.—China Mail Special.

ROUND WORLD FLIGHT

London, Mar. 5.
The British Overseas Airways
Corporation is intending to run
a new round-the-world flight.
No date has as yet been decided
on for the inauguration of this
new service, permission having
to be obtained from several
countries.

The new route will pass over
the United States, involved in
the scheme, Singapore, and the
Middle East.—France-Press.

Lennox-Boyd In Cyprus



Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
By Air
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
U.S.A., 10 a.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface
North Borneo, Rabaul, Australia,
4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
By Air
Leos, 5 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo,
Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand,
Ceylon, 4 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East,
Africa and Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30
a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
By Air
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Italy & France, 2 p.m.
Burma, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9
By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Ger-
many, Great Britain, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30
a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 3 a.m.
P. East Africa & S. Africa, 4 p.m.
Seychelles, 4 p.m.
N. & S. Rhodesia, Parcela via
Beira, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden,
Middle East, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Europe, Reg. & Parcela, 9 p.m.
Letters & Packets, 9 a.m. 9/3.
Macao, 6 a.m.

In conference with the
Governor of Cyprus, the
Marshall Sir John Harding,
and other senior British offi-
cials on the strife-torn island
at Nicosia, is British Colonial
Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd.
Mr. Lennox-Boyd arrived in
Cyprus for talks with Arch-
bishop Makarios, leader of the
Enosis (Union with Greece)
movement, conferred first
with Sir John Harding. The
Colonial Secretary can be
seen in conversation with
Commissioner Clemens and
Police Superintendent Bibb,
left, while Sir John Harding
chats to Colonel Kennings and
Brigadier Baker. — Express
Photo.

AWARD FOR JAP FILM

Rome, Mar. 5.
A Japanese documentary film
entitled “Swimming” won the
top prize, a cup offered by the
Italian Government, at an inter-
national sports documentaries
festival which ended at Cortina
d'Ampezzo tonight.
The cup was awarded to the
Japanese film for its “all round
excellence, and particularly for
its presentation of new styles of
swimming illustrated by Japan-
ese champions.”—Reuter.

GUIDE FOR TAX-DODGERS

Revenue Inspector Publishes Tricks Of Trade

Paris, Mar. 5.

A senior French tax inspector has
caused consternation at the Ministry of
Finance, where he works, by publishing a
complete guide to tax-dodging, giving
details of all the tricks.

It is entitled: “Garde A Vous, Fiscal!”
 (“Tax Inspectors, beware!”) or alterna-
tively, “Vade-Mecum Du Petit Fraudeur”
 (“A Manual For the Small-Time Tax-
Dodger”).

Just as the recent French film
“Du Riffin Chez Les Hommes”
 (“Spells Trouble”) showed the
public and potential burglars in
the front row of the stalls, the
smartest way to crack a safe, so
“Garde a Vous, Fiscal” reveals to
tax-payers 30 ways of “cooking
(falsifying) the books.”

For, called before a regional
taxation committee to explain an
error in his book-keeping, dis-
covered by the tax inspector
who examined his books, M.
Durand gave a stumbling ac-
count of his finances. Finally, he
blurted out: “All I can say is that
I am an honest man.”

The effect of this remark on
the jury is disastrous. M. Durand
is ordered to pay 500,000 francs
(about £250 sterling) in taxes
—a crippling sum for him.

Stung by the harsh sentence,
M. Durand then considers
cheating the tax authorities. And
the author, who holds an
imaginary dialogue with him
throughout the book, tells him
how to do it.

Methods vary greatly.

OBSTRUCTION

The “friendly approach” ac-
companied with an invitation to
dine at your table, always pays
good dividends, M. Durand is
advised.

Or there is the methodical ob-
struction of the tax inspector's
work. Gentle threats at black-
mail have been known to
succeed.

The factory owner points out
that his workshops would have
to close and men be dismissed,
if he were taxed too stringently.
The tax inspector would
then, naturally, be responsible
for more men being put out of
work.

Eve also uses her wiles in the
“cheat-the-taxes” game.

One woman told the inspector,
when he arrived for his annual
visit, that her husband was
dangerously ill. The slightest
question, let alone a shock,
might kill him, she declared.

The inspector left without
questioning the doubtful ac-
counts of the business, only to
discover later that the man was
in perfect health.

OUTDATED

The most macabre trick was
played by the wife of a sewage-
collector. She took the inspector
upstairs to the room where the
accounts were kept.

The inspector never passed
the threshold for inside was
the dead body of an old woman,
lying on a candle-lit catafalque.
“It's my mother,” the house-
wife explained, “I'm open the
window so that you can work in
the corner of the room.” The in-
spector fled, but a colleague,
returning later, wreaked his
revenge as he assessed the firm's
tax.

M. Macart says that some of
the taxation department's
methods date from 1830. Taxa-
tion on income was established
in France 38 years ago, he de-
clares, and today “we have the
reign of transactions without
bills of sale expense account,
of bonus companies, of dis-
simulation raised to the level of
an institution.”

One wealthy man, waited on
by 25 servants, owner of a Paris
mansion and a country chateau,
a world-famous picture gallery,
and three luxurious cars, only
declared the same income as an
office typist. “Examples of this
are legion. Men, who are con-
sidered honourable in their
circle of society,” he bitterly
and sometimes stupidly, the
author says.

MINIMISE PROFITS

In a chapter entitled “So
Methods of Debauching The
Treasury,” M. Macart shows how
a clever accountant can reduce
his receipts on paper, exaggerate
the number of his purchases, and
so minimise his profits.

He goes through the whole
gamut of tax-dodging, from
the use of false bank transac-
tions, camouflage of profits as loans,
and the old trick of making out
incomplete restaurant bills on
the carbon copy. — China Mail
Special.

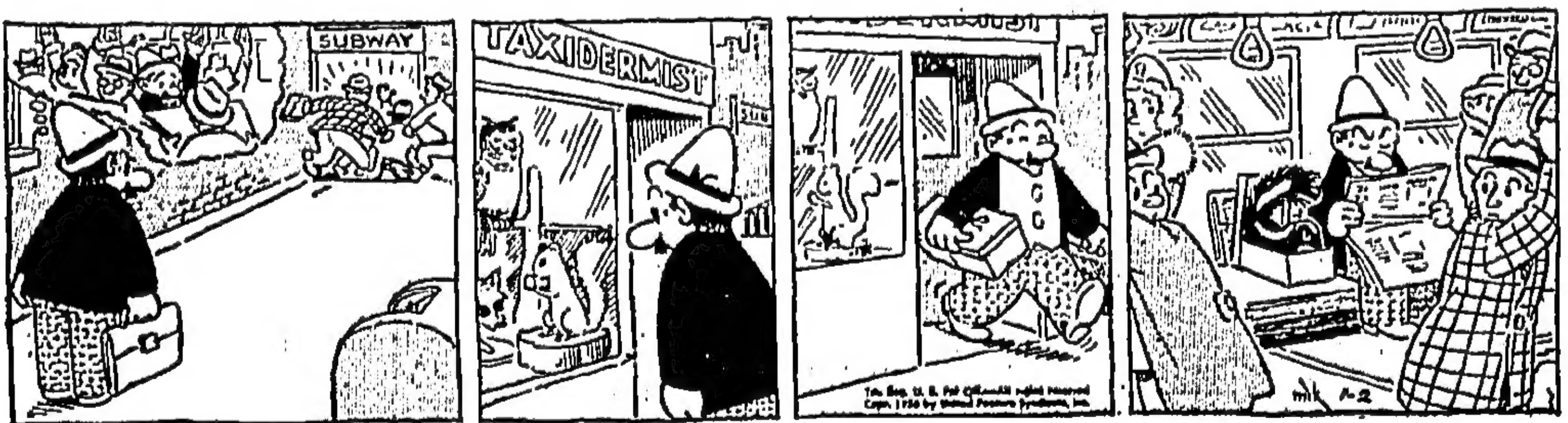
MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



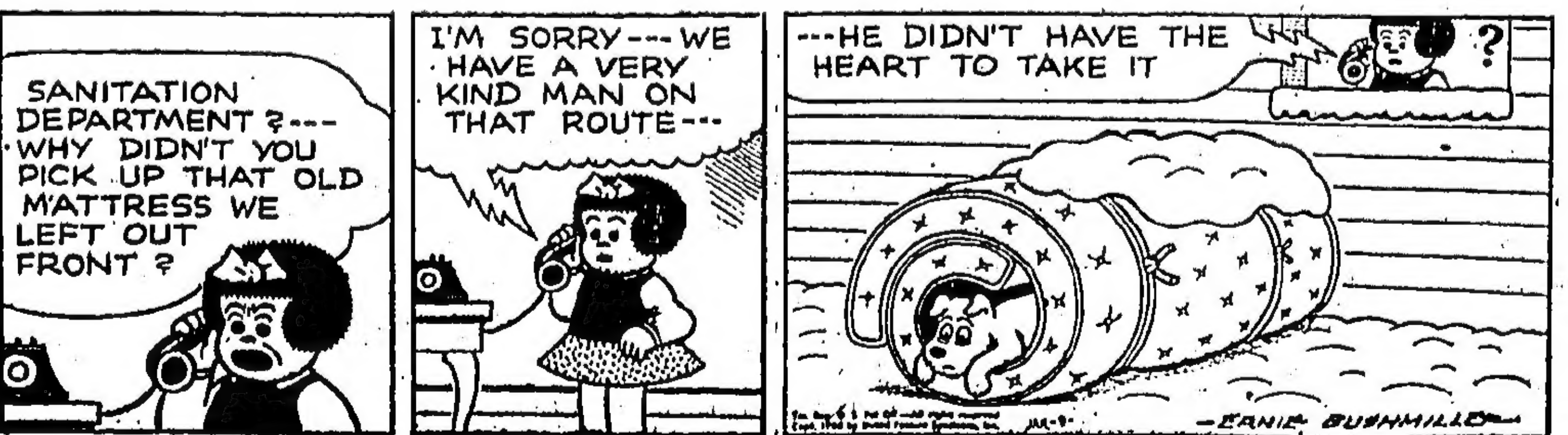
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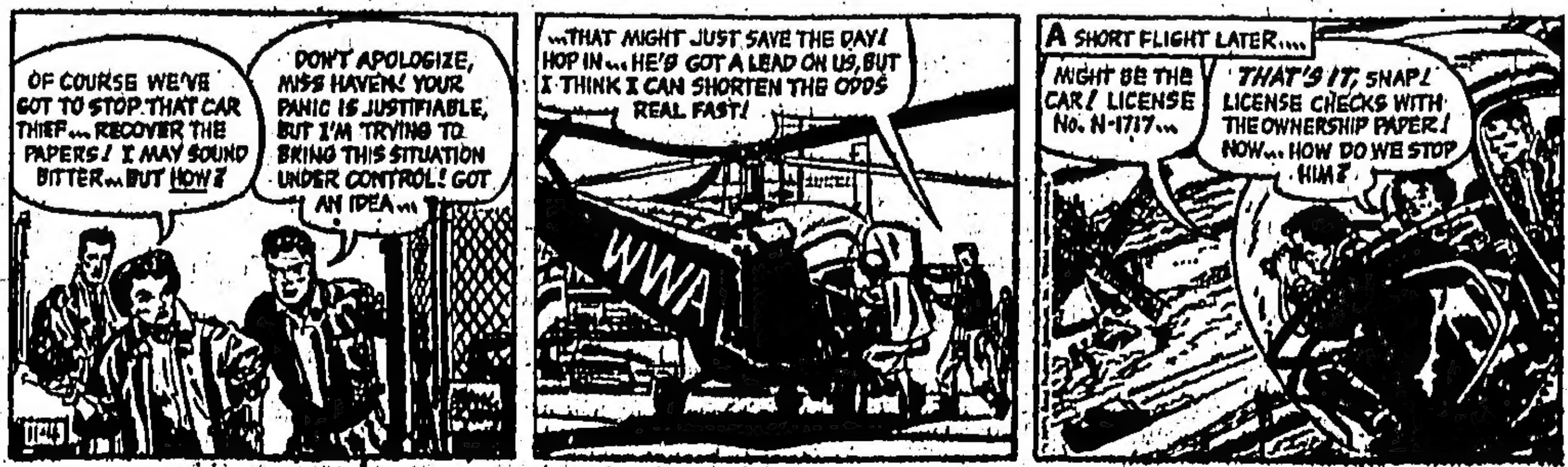
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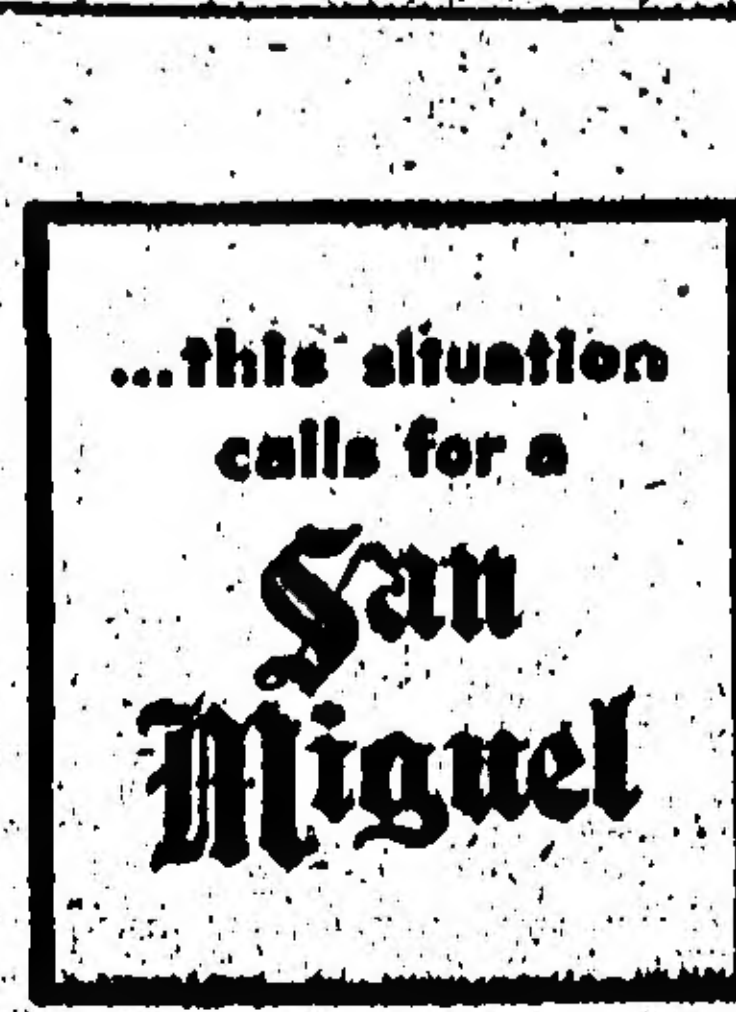
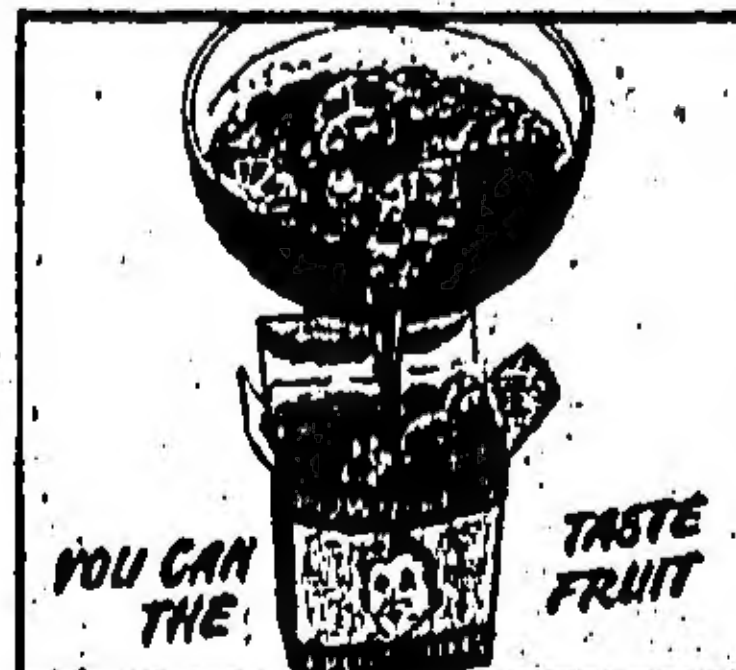


JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



ROWNTREES



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STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

R.M.S. "CANTON"

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: Friday, 9th March, at 12.00 Noon for the
UNITED KINGDOM, via Singa-
pore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Adon
and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL
BAGGAGE to the Hongkong & Kow-
loon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2
GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE,
By Noon on Thursday, 8th March.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages
carried by passengers themselves,
ALL BAGGAGE must pass through
the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading
on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between
9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th
March, 1956.

Subject to alteration with or without notice

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$270,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC 1000 1000 10 = 1000

INDUSTRIALS

United 100 100 10 = 1000

Landed 100 100 10 = 1000

Underwriters 100 100 10 = 1000

DOCKERS, ETC.

K. Wharf 100 100 10 = 1000

Providence 100 100 10 = 1000

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Grave Political Risks In Stopping Inflation

From Ronald Boxall

London, Mar. 5.

Any government which sets out deliberately to put a stop to inflation is taking a big political risk. If it fails it earns nothing but scorn. If, on the other hand, its efforts show signs of even partially succeeding it is accused of creating unemployment.

Mr Harold Macmillan tried to forearm himself against the latter criticism when he defended his disinflationary policy in the House of Commons. "If it were once thought," he said, "that in the need we have today to cure the disinflationary danger we were going to plunge back into a disinflationary movement regardless of the effect of it on the lives of our industrial workers we should fail—and deserve to fail."

Nevertheless a fortnight later Mr Richard Crossman, a Socialist MP, was charging the Government with deliberately destroying full employment.

The facts make nonsense of this charge. What is happening is that the Government is trying to cure the disinflationary danger by a disinflationary movement regardless of the effect of it on the lives of our industrial workers we should fail—and deserve to fail.

Reinforced Measures

Two weeks ago the Chancellor of the Exchequer concentrated on curbing the first of these demands. But he also reinforced measures taken previously by Mr Butler last year to restrain consumption of such things as motor cars, television sets, refrigerators and so on. To Mr Butler's increase in purchase tax Mr Macmillan added stringent hire purchase restrictions.

Taken together these two measures have put a pretty stringent obstacle in the way of a man who wants to own a car or television set. And industries which produce these goods are beginning to feel the pinch. Overtime working in durable consumer goods industries has now practically ceased and in some cases production is being cut back and workers laid off. More commonly, however, these industries are trying to meet their difficulties by putting some of their workers on a three or four day week in the hope that demand will soon revive.

Hardest Hit

The outlook is more bleak for some industries than it is for others. Television makers, for example, predict that their output will drop by between 15 and 40 per cent. Where squeeze on home demand is combined with slackening of export demand—as in the cycle industry—the need for economy is even more pressing. Inevitably, therefore, these industries have had to dismiss workers. But so far those rendered temporarily unemployed are numbered only in hundreds.

The hardest hit of all, however, is the motor industry which was groggy even before Mr Macmillan's latest blows. Here there have been reports of dismissals, but between 14,000 and 16,000 workers in firms either making cars or supplying parts for them are on short time.

The manufacturers are pinning their hopes on a revival of demand in the spring when car sales would normally begin to rise again after the slack winter period. If this fails to materialise the situation in the motor industry may become serious.

Commercial Vehicles

What the industry is experiencing at the moment, however, is nothing more than a moderate recession. The number of workers on short time—16,000 to take the top estimate—is small in comparison with the industry's total labour force which numbers 230,000 in the actual manufacturing end and 173,000 in the firms making

NY COTTON FUTURES FALTER

New York, Mar. 5.

Cotton prices today faltered after a buoyant start when buyers lost interest in the face of farm legislation uncertainties and the Administration's reiterated stand in favour of flexible supports.

Closing around the day's lowest levels the list ruled unchanged to 24 points lower. Opening prices were unchanged to 22 points. New Orleans closed off 17 to 28 points.

A reactionary turn in grains, plus a desire for more detailed information on the government new export disposal plan and a pause in exporter-mill buying, also acted to restrain new interest.

Initial gains up to \$1.25 a bale reflected a weekend accumulation of trade and commission house buying plus further shipper covering against export sales.

Houston reports noted an active export demand last week. Spain was the accredited buyer of 54,000 bales for April-May-June shipment, consisting of 14,500 bales at Memphis and 2,100 bales of short staple.

FORMOSA DEAL

In addition, Korea bought 10,000 bales of medium grade short staple, March-April shipment. Formosa bought 37,500 bales of medium to low grade short staple for March-April-May shipment.

Nearby March contracts, pursuing an independent course, held steady around the previous close. No transferable notices appeared today. Dealings in the spot month end on March 13.

Opening contracts at the close of trading today totaled 57,100 bales. The cotton stock rose 297 bales to 10,344 bales.

Preliminary new crop, accounts said planting in the Rio Grande valley was 75 per cent finished with two-thirds up to very good stands. Eastern belt reports said land preparation was all under way in southern sections. Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	5,200	57,100
April	2,100	40,000
May	2,100	29,000
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